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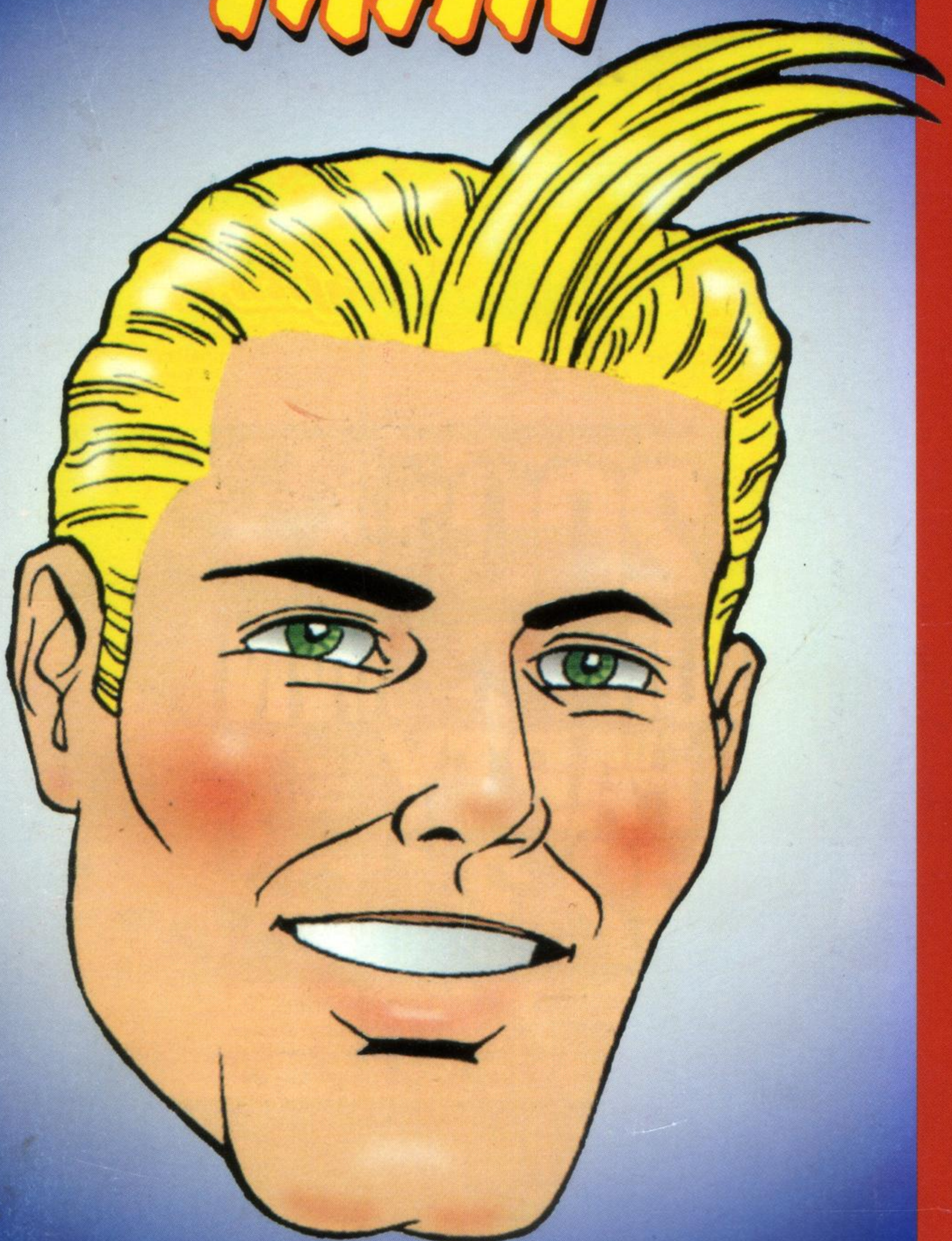

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I'VE GOT LOTS OF MONEY, CHICKS DIG ME, EVERYBODY RESPECTS ME...

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Introduction

by Archibald Faislyer
Professor of Literature

Many a literature student has often approached my chair upon hearing another outstanding lecture of mine and inquired if there is a such thing as a 'perfect' book. For many years I answered in the negative; even Shakespeare had his faults, and while my own writings reach a certain level of divinity, not one of the sundry and vast array of books and essays composed through the ages could be designated as having reached perfection - until now. This compendium of masterworks has no equal in the history of literature, and it is my privilege to provide the introduction to those readers, no likely few, who may still be unaware of the 'Charisma Man' phenomena.

Just where did 'Charisma Man' originate from? Like many heroic fictional characters found in literature, 'Charisma Man' is a mixture of actual persons and myth. While there are and have been thousands of individuals who resemble the character, my studies show that the following persons have a direct link to the growth of the Charisma Man legend:

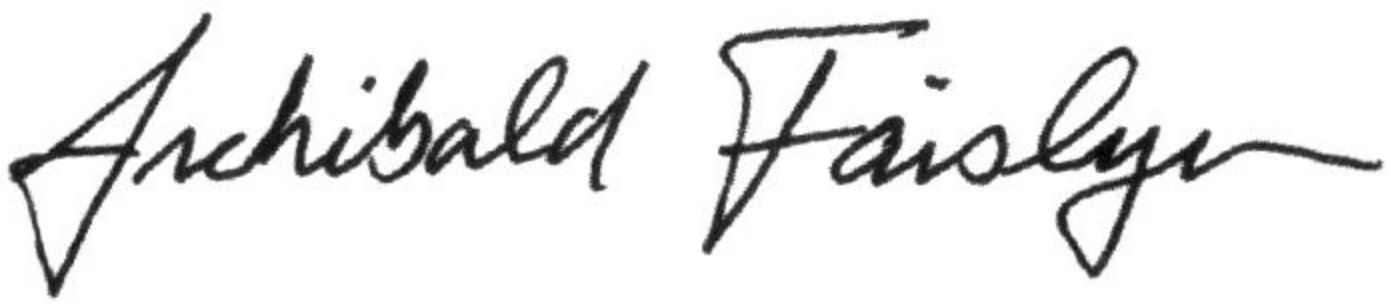
Thesis Agiik - (231BC-177BC) Greek mathematician and philosopher. He was the first to recognize that beauty is increased with direct proportion to the amount of fermented drink imbibed by the viewer.

Erik Nodmaison (731-788AD) Viking seafarer and ship-builder. Gained prominence during his time as discoverer of several lands, though later investigations show that he never made it more than 3 kilometers from port.

Lester Bebeer (1268-1323) Member of the Third Crusade, He traveled only as far as Paris however, where he became a connoiseur of wine and trollops. Known in France as 'Le Man de Charisma Extravagant'.

Justin Sane (1834-1887) A stowaway on Commodore Perry's 'Black Ships'. In a drunken state he fell overboard and was hoped drowned. He later opened the first English Academy in Japan and a counseling service for ladies.

Many readers are probably asking why their name is not on the list; and maybe even more are asking why I am not on the list. One character trait of Charisma Man is his exulted sense of himself, something which I, though burdened with a pointed intellect and handsome features, have been able to avoid. Enjoy this book as you would a fine wine, or my portrait.



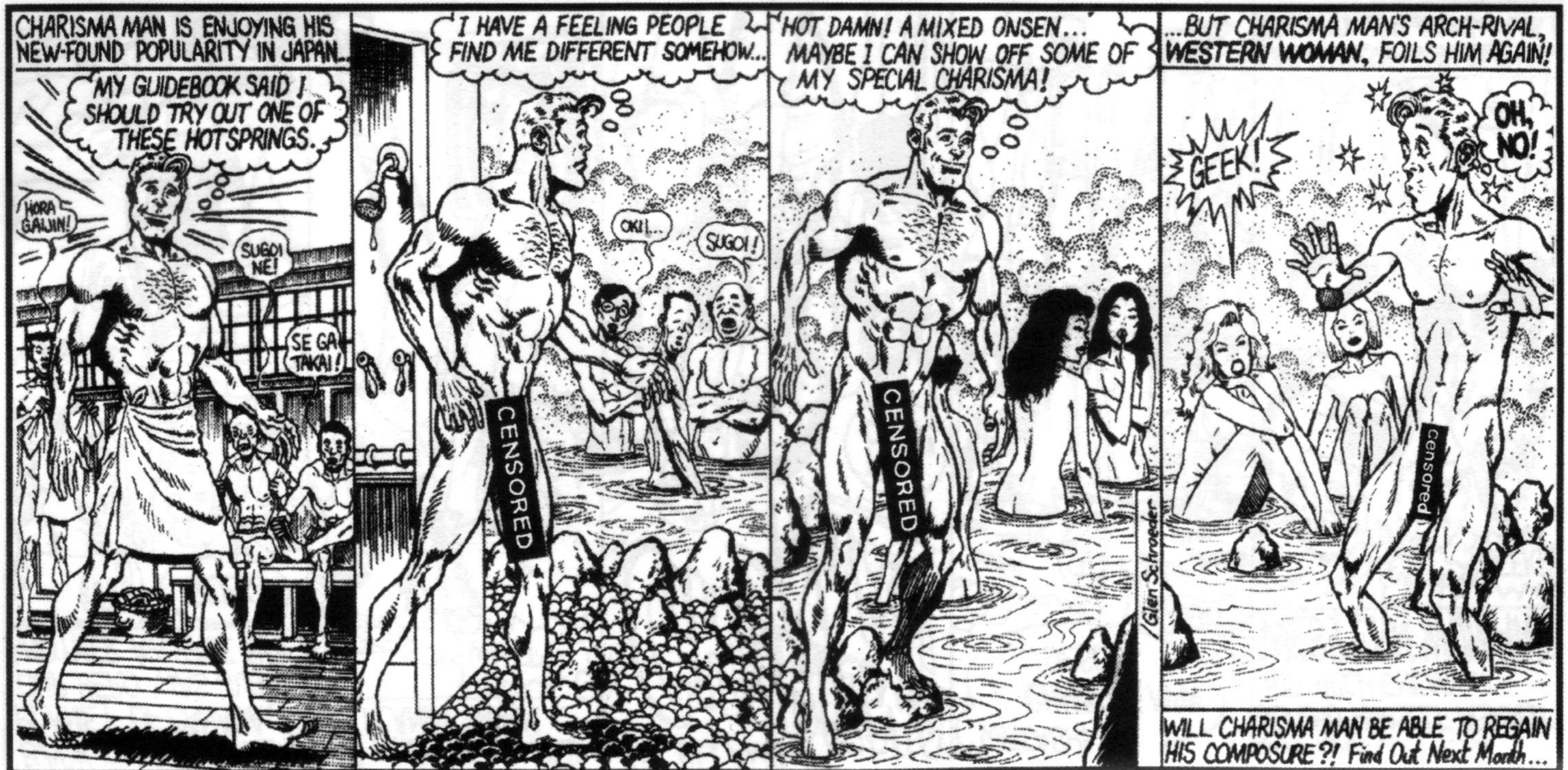
The character 'Charisma Man' first appeared in the February 1998 issue of 'The Alien' magazine and instantly entered into the folklore of the Gaijin world in Japan. The creator of the strip, Larry Rodney, teamed up with a graphic designer friend, Glen Schroeder, both from Canada, to produce 11 outstanding strips through the end of that year. When Larry decided to finish up his time in Japan, he had the character also head home, but fortunately an agreement was reached so that the strip could be continued, and thus now after 5 years, it seemed appropriate to mark the occasion with a compilation of all the strips.

It has been my pleasure to have done the writing for 'Charisma Man' since March 1999 (with one exception), and together with the extraordinary Wayne Wilson doing the art work, I like to think we have maintained the high standard in humor and graphics that Larry and Glen originally set.

I hope readers have as much fun reading these strips as we did making them.

Neil Garscadden, Editor
Tokyo 2002

BACK ON HIS HOME PLANET OF CANADA, OUR HERO WAS JUST ANOTHER AVERAGE GUY...
GEEK!
sniff
BUT WHEN HE LANDED ON PLANET JAPAN...
WHAT?!...
...HE BECAME
CHARISMA MAN
HOW CUTE!
WATASHI WA ...CHARISMA MAN ...DESU!
JOOZU! JOOZU!
PARTY
BUT CAN OUR HERO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST HIS ARCH-ENEMY...
WESTERN WOMAN!?
uh-oh
GEEK!
CAN CHARISMA MAN SAVE HIMSELF IN TIME? Find Out Next Month...!


CHARISMA MAN IS ENJOYING HIS NEW-FOUND POPULARITY IN JAPAN..
MY GUIDEBOOK SAID I SHOULD TRY OUT ONE OF THESE HOTSPRINGS..
HORA GAIJIN!
SUGOI NE!
SE GA TAKAI!
I HAVE A FEELING PEOPLE FIND ME DIFFERENT SOMEHOW..
OKU..
SUGOI!
CENSORED
HOT DAMN! A MIXED ONSEN... MAYBE I CAN SHOW OFF SOME OF MY SPECIAL CHARISMA!
CENSORED
Glen Schroeder
...BUT CHARISMA MAN'S ARCH-RIVAL, WESTERN WOMAN, FOILS HIM AGAIN!
GEEK!
OH, NO!
censored
WILL CHARISMA MAN BE ABLE TO REGAIN HIS COMPOSURE?! Find Out Next Month...

OUR HERO CHARISMA MAN DECIDES TO LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A HIGH-PROFILE JAPANESE COMPANY...
PEACHDREAMY EIKAIWA GAKUEN JOB INTERVIEWS TODAY
...AND I GRADUATED WITH HONOURS IN ENGLISH LINGUISTICS...
EXCELLENT.
uh, oh
...I HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ESL...
VERY IMPRESSIVE.
Ulp...I'll have to turn on the charm.
Glen Schraeder / LARRY ROONEY
...I WORKED AT BOO-BOO BURGER AND STUDIED HOME TAXIDERMY AT NIGHT SCHOOL...
CAN YOU START TOMORROW?!
OUR HERO TRIUMPHS AGAIN! BUT WILL WESTERN WOMAN GET HER REVENGE? Find out next time...

CHARISMA MAN RETURNS FROM A SHORT VACATION IN THAILAND...
WELCOME TO JAPAN
GATE C
DOMESTIC FLIGHT 45
IT'S GREAT TO BE A WESTERN GUY IN ASIA...
I'VE GOT LOTS OF MONEY, CHICKS DIG ME, EVERYBODY RESPECTS ME...
AH... A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL. I'LL HAVE TO TURN ON THE CHARM...
HI THERE!
CUSTOMS
DECLARE ALL BOODIES
ASSOCIATE WITH THIS DESK
BE POLITE
YOU ARE IN JAPAN
SUMIMASEN... ETO... EXCUSE ME... DO YOU KNOW MARIJUANA?
HEY, MAN, I KNOW EVERYTHING!
PLEASE... THIS WAY.
INSPECTION ROOM
BUT... BUT..
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN BEING DIFFERENT IS A BIT OF A DISADVANTAGE.
LARRY RODNEY // Glen Schroeder

OUR HERO CHARISMA MAN ARRIVES AT THE CONSULATE PARTY...
I'M SURE TO MAKE A BIG HIT TONIGHT!
HOW BIG IS YOUR CREDIT CARD?
CAN YOU PLAY SKI?
HAVE YOU CAR?
ARE YOU KNOW BRAD PITT?
ARE YOU SPEAK FRENCH?
DO YOU LIKE JAPANESE GIRL?
I'M WHERE IT'S AT, BABY!
AH...LOOKS LIKE SOME SERIOUS CHICK ACTION OVER THERE! BETTER CHECK IT OUT...
Glen Schroeder / Happy Toons
HEY DORK, GET ME ANOTHER DRINK!
GET A LIFE!
GEEK!
SO PATHETIC!
DIDN'T YOUR MOM SHOW YOU HOW TO DRESS?
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT SUIT?
DON'T BOTHER
CAN YOU USE CHOPSTICK?
TEACH ME
YOU ARE VERY SPORTSMAN!
YOU LIKE POPS MUSIC?
YOU WANT ANOTHER DRINK?
GOD, I LOVE THIS COUNTRY!

CHARISMA MAN PONDERS HIS LIFE IN JAPAN...
I CAN'T STAND THIS PLACE ANYMORE...
失敗銀行
"...THE RACISM..."
Club Milky
DANCE PARTY TONIGHT ¥4000 FOREIGNERS FREE
OH, CUTE... A FOREIGNER!
SUTEKI!
"...THE SEXISM..."
I POUR TEA FOR YOU.
A LITTLE TO THE LEFT, HONEY.
SENSEI
"...THE ALCOHOLISM..."
IKI
I CAN'T STAND IT ALL! I DON'T KNOW WHY I KEEP PUTTING UP WITH IT !!
CLUB OPPORTUNISM
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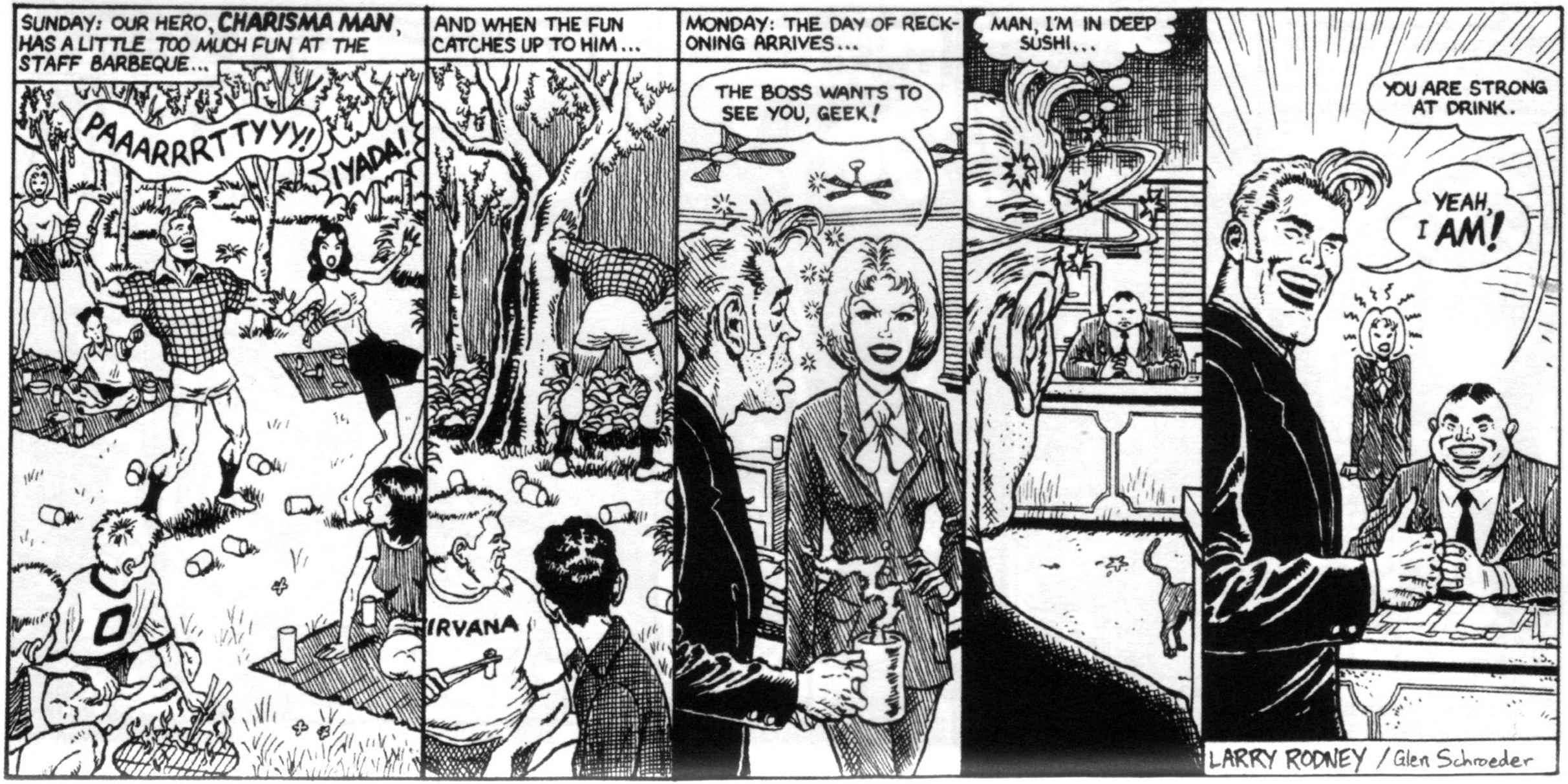
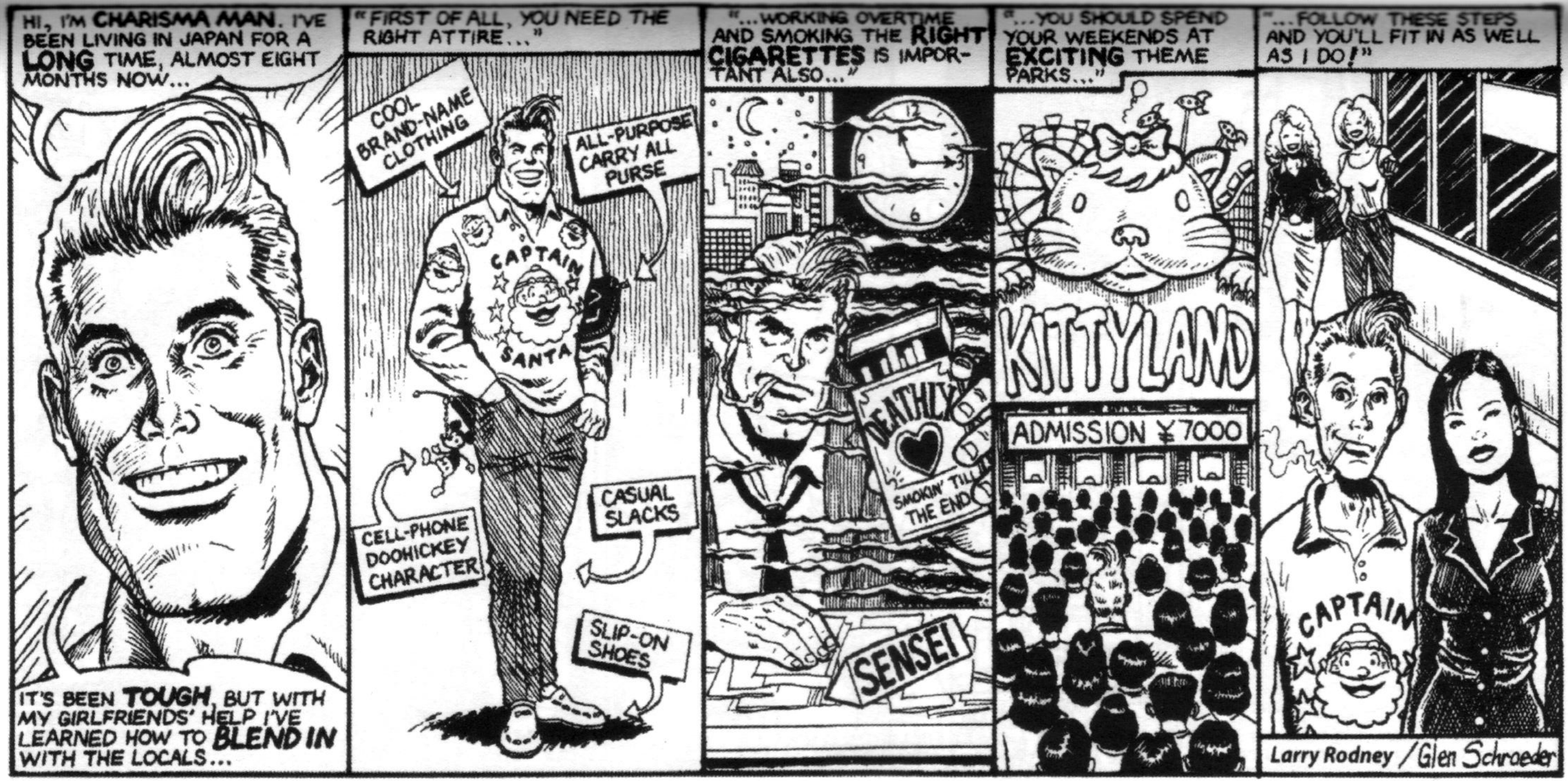
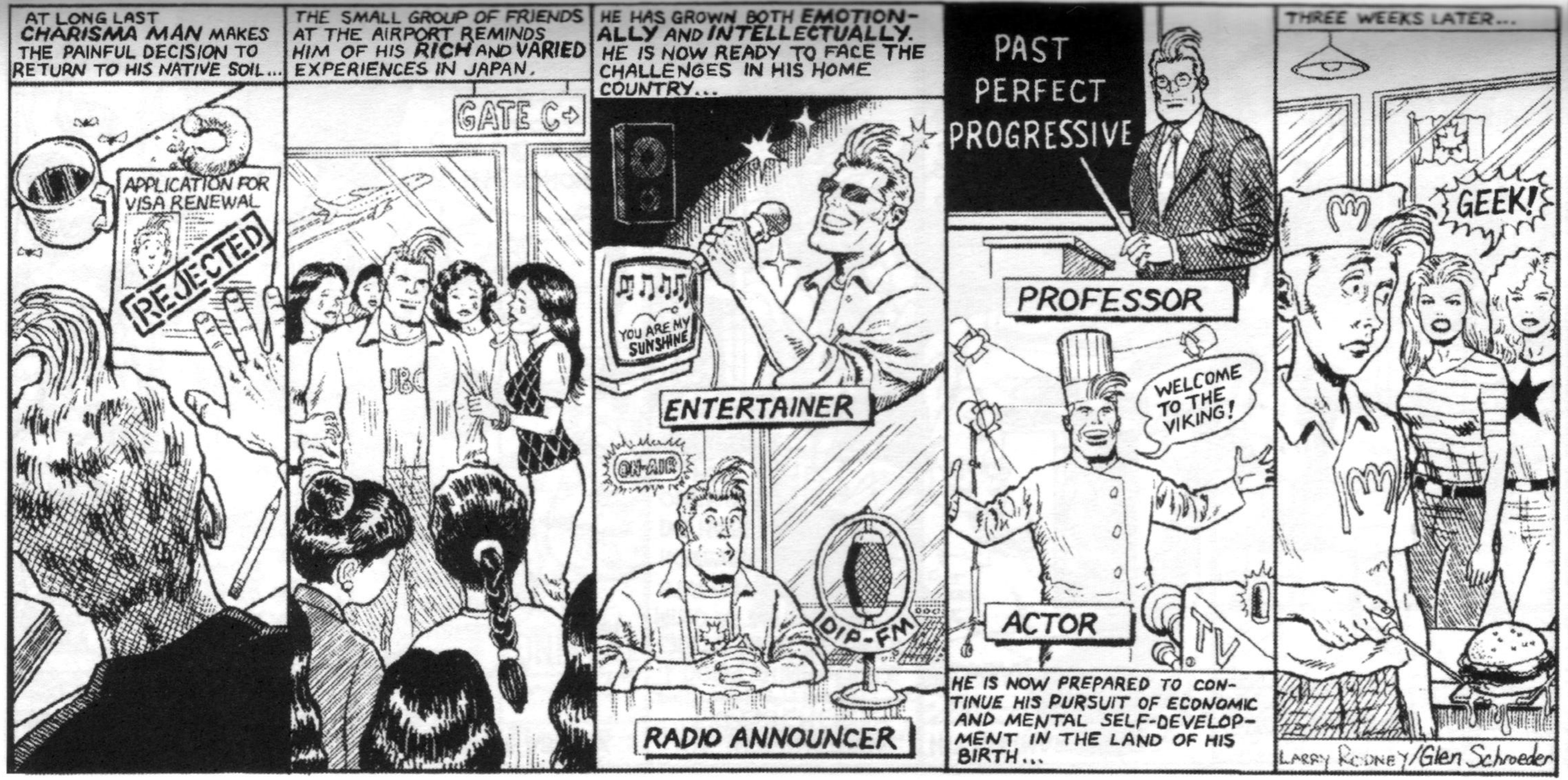
READ THE ALIEN
LARRY RODNEY / Glen Schroeder

FROM THE SERIES "36 VIEWS OF CHARISMA MAN"...
YARRAGHH!
Apple
No.13 VIEWED BY HIS KINDERGARTEN CLASS.
READ THE ARTICLE
No.14 VIEWED BY SUBWAY PASSENGERS.
Glen Schroeder / LARRY ROONEY
...YEAH, WHEN I WAS CAPTAIN OF THE HOCKEY TEAM, WE USED TO TRAIN IN -40°C WEATHER UNTIL MIDNIGHT...
No.15 VIEWED BY FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENTS.
PARTY PIT
DISCO FEVER
COME ON IN!
No.16 VIEWED BY HIS NEIGHBOURS.
...YEAH WHEN I WAS CAPTAIN OF THE HOCKEY TEAM WE USED TO TRAIN IN -40°C WEATHER UNTIL MIDNIGHT...
SENSEI!
No.17 VIEWED BY HIS WESTERN CO-WORKERS.


SUNDAY: OUR HERO, CHARISMA MAN, HAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH FUN AT THE STAFF BARBEQUE...
PAAARRRTTYYY!
IYADA!
AND WHEN THE FUN CATCHES UP TO HIM...
IRVANA
MONDAY: THE DAY OF RECKONING ARRIVES...
THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU, GEEK!
MAN, I'M IN DEEP SUSHI...
YOU ARE STRONG AT DRINK.
YEAH, I AM!
LARRY RODNEY / Glen Schroeder


HI, I'M CHARISMA MAN. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN JAPAN FOR A LONG TIME, ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS NOW...
IT'S BEEN TOUGH, BUT WITH MY GIRLFRIENDS' HELP I'VE LEARNED HOW TO BLEND IN WITH THE LOCALS...
"FIRST OF ALL, YOU NEED THE RIGHT ATTIRE..."
COOL BRAND-NAME CLOTHING
ALL-PURPOSE CARRY ALL PURSE
CAPTAIN SANTA
CELL-PHONE DOOHICKEY CHARACTER
CASUAL SLACKS
SLIP-ON SHOES
"...WORKING OVERTIME AND SMOKING THE RIGHT CIGARETTES IS IMPORTANT ALSO..."
DEATHLY
SMOKIN' TIL THE END
SENSEI
"...YOU SHOULD SPEND YOUR WEEKENDS AT EXCITING THEME PARKS..."
KITTYLAND
ADMISSION ¥7000
"...FOLLOW THESE STEPS AND YOU'LL FIT IN AS WELL AS I DO!"
CAPTAIN
Larry Rodney / Glen Schroeder

ANOTHER HOT SATURDAY NIGHT BEGINS IN CHARISMA MAN'S PARTY PIT...
WOOOOO! CHICKS N' BEER!
...GOT 2 TURNTABLES AND A MICROPHONE
MORON! I WAITED AT THE AIRPORT FOR FIVE HOURS!
MOM!
DON'T YOU EVER CLEAN THIS DUMP? WHAT A STENCH!
RENO
LARRY RODNEY/ Glen Schroeder
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STAY IN THIS HOLE FOR A MONTH...


AT LONG LAST CHARISMA MAN MAKES THE PAINFUL DECISION TO RETURN TO HIS NATIVE SOIL...
APPLICATION FOR VISA RENEWAL
REJECTED
THE SMALL GROUP OF FRIENDS AT THE AIRPORT REMINDS HIM OF HIS RICH AND VARIED EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN.
GATE C
JBC
HE HAS GROWN BOTH EMOTIONALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY. HE IS NOW READY TO FACE THE CHALLENGES IN HIS HOME COUNTRY...
YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE
ENTERTAINER
ON-AIR
DIP-FM
RADIO ANNOUNCER
PAST
PERFECT
PROGRESSIVE
PROFESSOR
WELCOME TO THE VIKING!
ACTOR
TV
HE IS NOW PREPARED TO CONTINUE HIS PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC AND MENTAL SELF-DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH...
THREE WEEKS LATER...
GEEK!
LARRY RODNEY/Glen Schroeder

CHARISMA MAN SETS OUT TO CASH IN ON HIS "JAPAN EXPERIENCE"...
IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET A REAL JOB?
CHIPS
HIS LANGUAGE ABILITY...
SO... IT SAYS HERE YOU SPEAK JAPANESE...
TRADING CO.
Shiitake
Resumé
HI! NIHONGO WA CHŌ BERI BERI GOO!
by Wayne Wilson
created by Larry Rodney
HIS INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE...
I DON'T THINK YOUR'E QUITE WHAT WE HAD IN MIND AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNSELOR... HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE AN OPENING FOR JANITOR...
Dean Bidtsch
HIS CULINARY SKILLS...
KOMBAN WA!
SAPPORI ビール
말씀 하시는 걸모르겠 읍니다!
Welcome to Tokyo!

ANOTHER LUCKY DAY FOR CHARISMA MAN
LOOK AT ALL THIS FREE STUFF!
THE WASTEFULNESS OF HIS NEIGHBORS IS SHOCKING
THIS SOFA LOOKS BRAND NEW!
HE MUST CHOOSE FROM A WIDE SELECTION OF ELECTRONICS
THAT ONE STILL HAS THE REMOTE BUT THIS ONE IS BIGGER!
WHY DON'T YOU TURN ON THE TV?
IT IS ON...
by: Wayne Wilson
Created by: Larry Rodney

IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT AND OUR HERO *CHARISMA MAN* MAKES HIS WAY TO HIS FAVORITE WATERING-HOLE

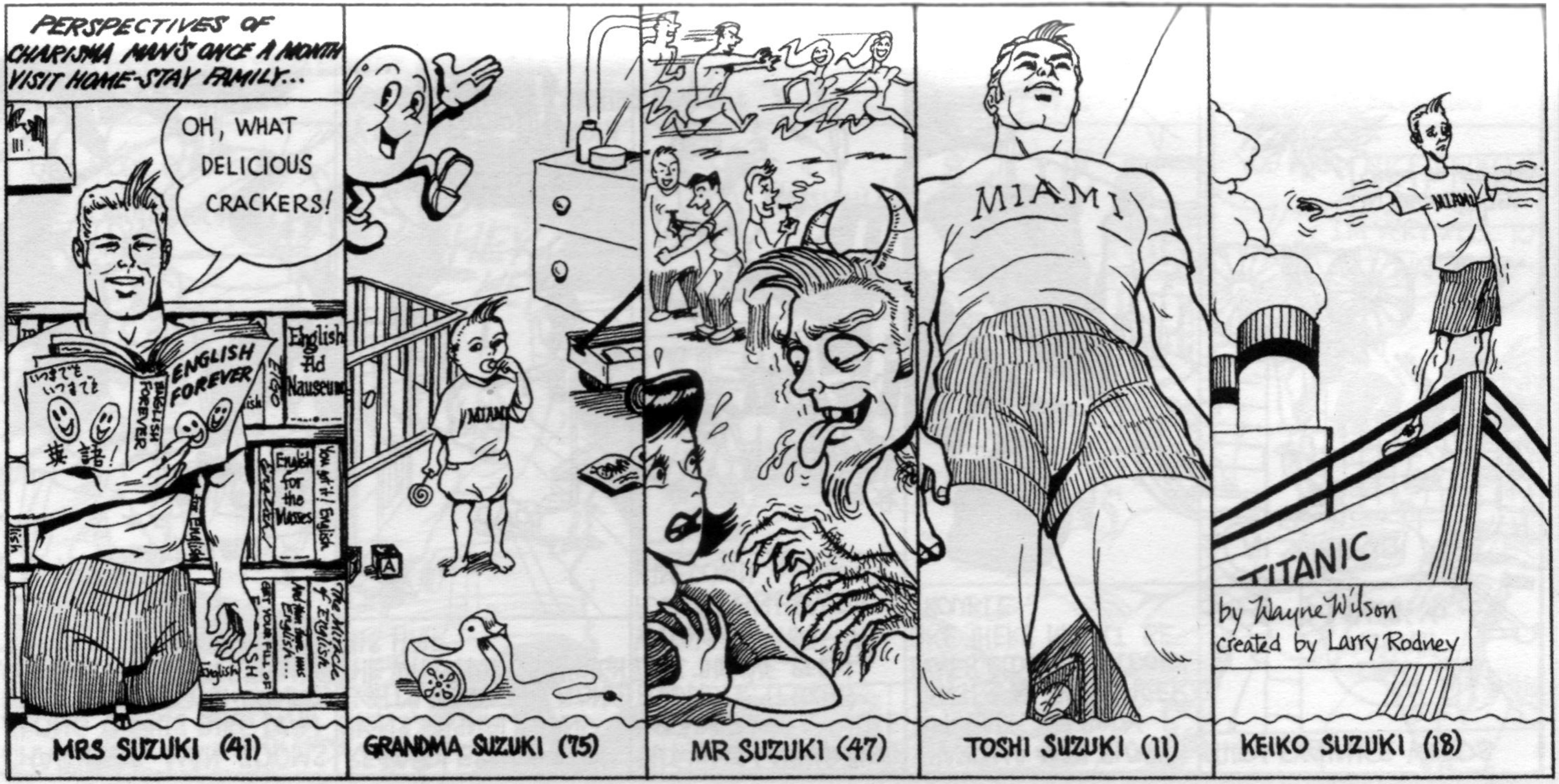
by Wayne Wilson
created by Larry Rodney

FROM THE BAR LIKE A PANTHER HUNTING FOR PREY, HE EYES HIS SURROUNDINGS. THROUGH THE HAZE HE SPOTS A LIKELY PROSPECT

HE CIRCLES ROUND AND THEN MOVES IN FOR THE KILL—USING AN OPENING LINE THAT *NEVER* FAILS...

BUT INSTEAD OF THE *EXPECTED* GIGGLY RESPONSE, HE FINDS HE HAS MISTAKENLY APPROACHED A *WOLF* IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

FROM THE BAR LIKE A PANTHER HUNTING FOR PREY, HE EYES HIS SURROUNDINGS....


PERSPECTIVES OF CHARISMA MAN'S ONCE A MONTH VISIT HOME-STAY FAMILY...
OH, WHAT DELICIOUS CRACKERS!
ENGLISH FOREVER
English Aid Nauseum
You got it! English
English for the Masses
The Miracle of English
MIAMI
TITANIC
by Wayne Wilson
created by Larry Rodney
MRS SUZUKI (41)
GRANDMA SUZUKI (75)
MR SUZUKI (47)
TOSHI SUZUKI (11)
KEIKO SUZUKI (18)

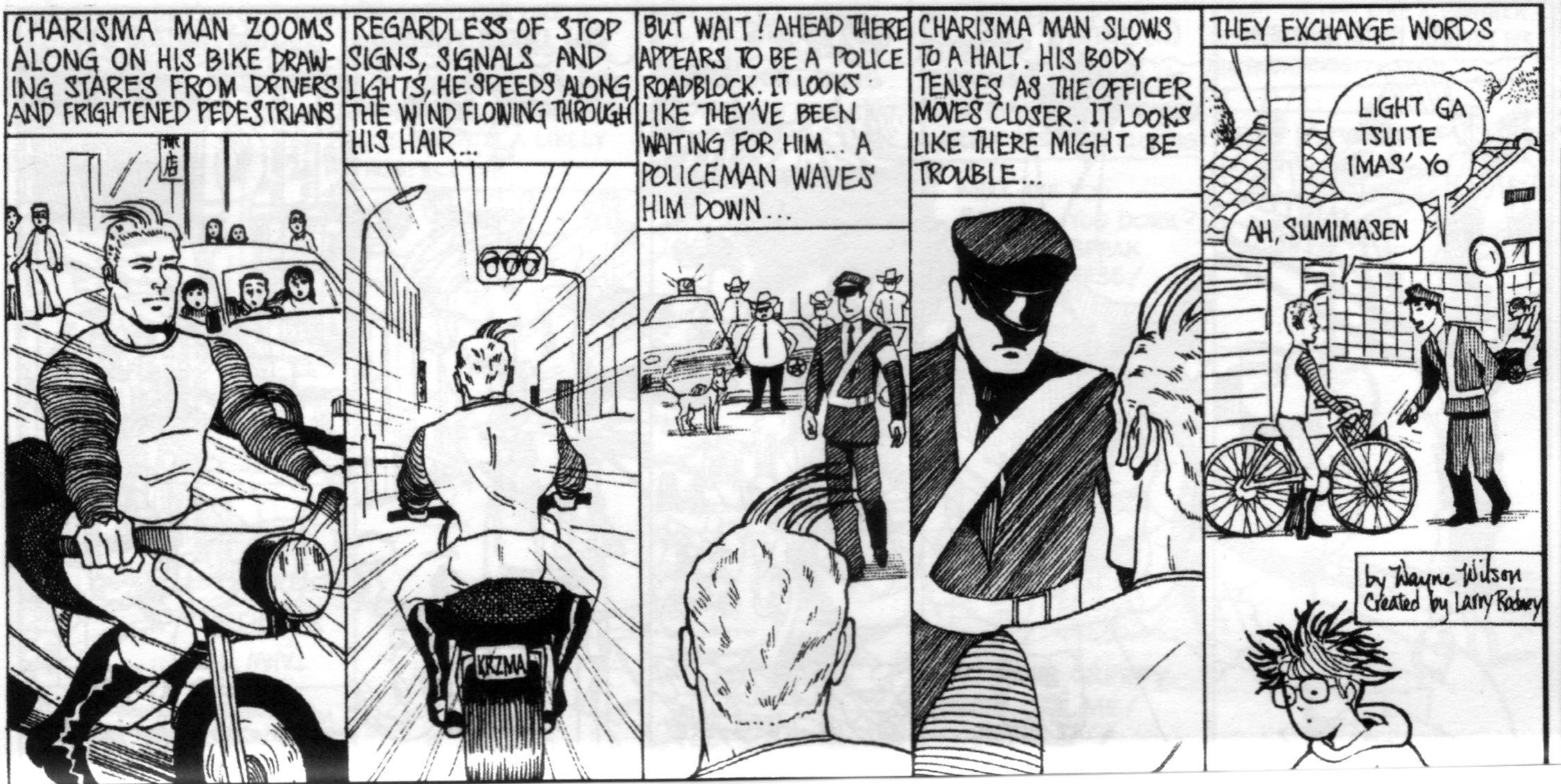
CHARISMA MAN ZOOMS ALONG ON HIS BIKE DRAWING STARES FROM DRIVERS AND FRIGHTENED PEDESTRIANS

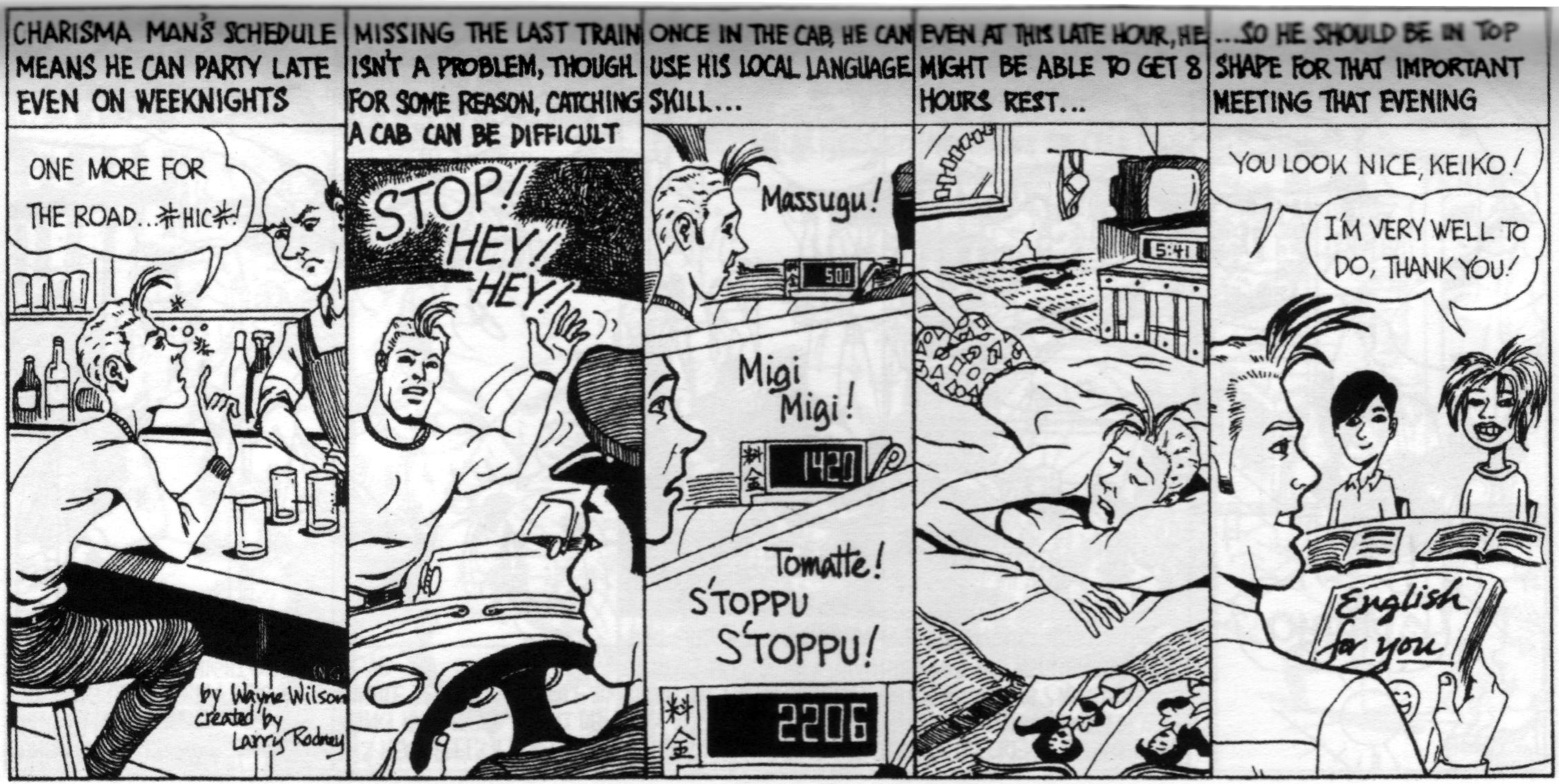
REGARDLESS OF STOP SIGNS, SIGNALS AND LIGHTS, HE SPEEDS ALONG THE WIND FLOWING THROUGH HIS HAIR...

BUT WAIT! AHEAD THERE APPEARS TO BE A POLICE ROADBLOCK. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HIM... A POLICEMAN WAVES HIM DOWN...

CHARISMA MAN SLOWS TO A HALT. HIS BODY TENSES AS THE OFFICER MOVES CLOSER. IT LOOKS LIKE THERE MIGHT BE TROUBLE...

THEY EXCHANGE WORDS




CHARISMA MAN'S SCHEDULE MEANS HE CAN PARTY LATE EVEN ON WEEKNIGHTS
ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD...#HIC#!
by Wayne Wilson
created by Larry Rodney
MISSING THE LAST TRAIN ISN'T A PROBLEM, THOUGH. FOR SOME REASON, CATCHING A CAB CAN BE DIFFICULT
STOP! HEY! HEY!
ONCE IN THE CAB, HE CAN USE HIS LOCAL LANGUAGE SKILL...
Massugu!
Migi Migi!
Tomatte!
S'TOPPU S'TOPPU!
料金
2206
EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET 8 HOURS REST...
5:41
...SO HE SHOULD BE IN TOP SHAPE FOR THAT IMPORTANT MEETING THAT EVENING
YOU LOOK NICE, KEIKO!
I'M VERY WELL TO DO, THANK YOU!
English for you

SUNDAY MORNING FINDS *CHARISMA-MAN* IN A DEEP SLUMBER... SLEEPING OFF THE EFFECTS OF ANOTHER SATURDAY NIGHT OF PARTYING

HIS HEAD FEELS LIKE IT'S BEING HAMMERED. IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE HE'S ABLE TO MOVE.

by Wayne Wilson and Neil Garscadden
Created by Larry Rodney

AS THE SUNLIGHT FILLS HIS TINY APĀTO, HE TRIES TO RECALL THE PREVIOUS NIGHT--GETTING NO FURTHER THAN THAT 6TH SHOT OF TEQUILA--

Bottoms up, DUDE!

EVERY WEEKEND IT'S THE SAME THING. HE ASKS HIMSELF: WHY DOES HE DO THIS? WHY DOESN'T HE MAKE HIS WEEKENDS MORE PRODUCTIVE?

Ohayō ♡

IMPRISONED AND SHACKLED IN THE TINY CELL IS OUR HERO ~ CHARISMA MAN - BEING SUBJECTED TO THE WORST TORTURE IMAGINABLE...
THE CELL'S INHABITANTS HAVE HIM SURROUNDED, GLEEFULLY USING THEIR MIND - SUCKING PROBES TO SLOWLY DRAIN HIM OF BRAIN CELLS...
TRY AS HE MIGHT, HE CANNOT RESIST THE PROBES AS THEY RELENTLESSLY SCOUR DEEPER AND DEEPER... SOON HIS VERY SOUL WILL BE OBLITERATED
by Wayne Wilson and Neil Garscadden created by Larry Rodney
MOVEMENT OUTSIDE SIGNALS THAT HIS TIME IS UP ~ IN A DESPERATE LUNGE, HE BREAKS FROM HIS BONDS AND THE PROBES AND THROWS THE CELL DOOR OPEN
RACING OUT INTO THE PASSAGEWAY AND TO FREEDOM
HAPPY ENGLISH
S.A.

CHARISMA-MAN IS IN A DILEMMA. HE HAS ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YEN UNTIL TOMORROW AND ALL THAT IS LEFT AT THE LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE IS SOME NON-DESCRIPT TRI-ANGULAR RICE THINGS...

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ERROR. KNOWING THAT THERE IS A GREAT CHANCE THAT THE CONTENTS COULD BE SOME DISGUSTINGLY INEDIBLE GLOOB, HE ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY THINGS...

Chicken wa dotchi?

INITIALLY STARTLED BY HIS USE OF JAPANESE, THE CLERK ANSWERS WITH A TORRENT:

Tada ima, **chicken** wa zembu uri kire desu. Kochira no o-nigiri desu ga, **chicken** wa issai haitte imasen. Ashita mata haitte kuru to wa omoimasu ga...

BUT UNFORTUNATELY, CHARISMA-MAN CAN UNDERSTAND...

只今 **chicken** は全部売切れです。こちらのおにぎりですが、**chicken** は一切入っていません。明日、また入って来るとは思いますが...

ALMOST NOTHING!!

THERE WAS A 'CHICKEN' IN THE ANSWER SOMEWHERE. *CHARISMA-MAN* DECIDES TO GO FOR IT.

Kore to kore!

AND UPON RECEIVING THE BAG, THE INEVITABLE GENEROUS REMARK...

Nihongo wa totemo o-jōzu desu ne

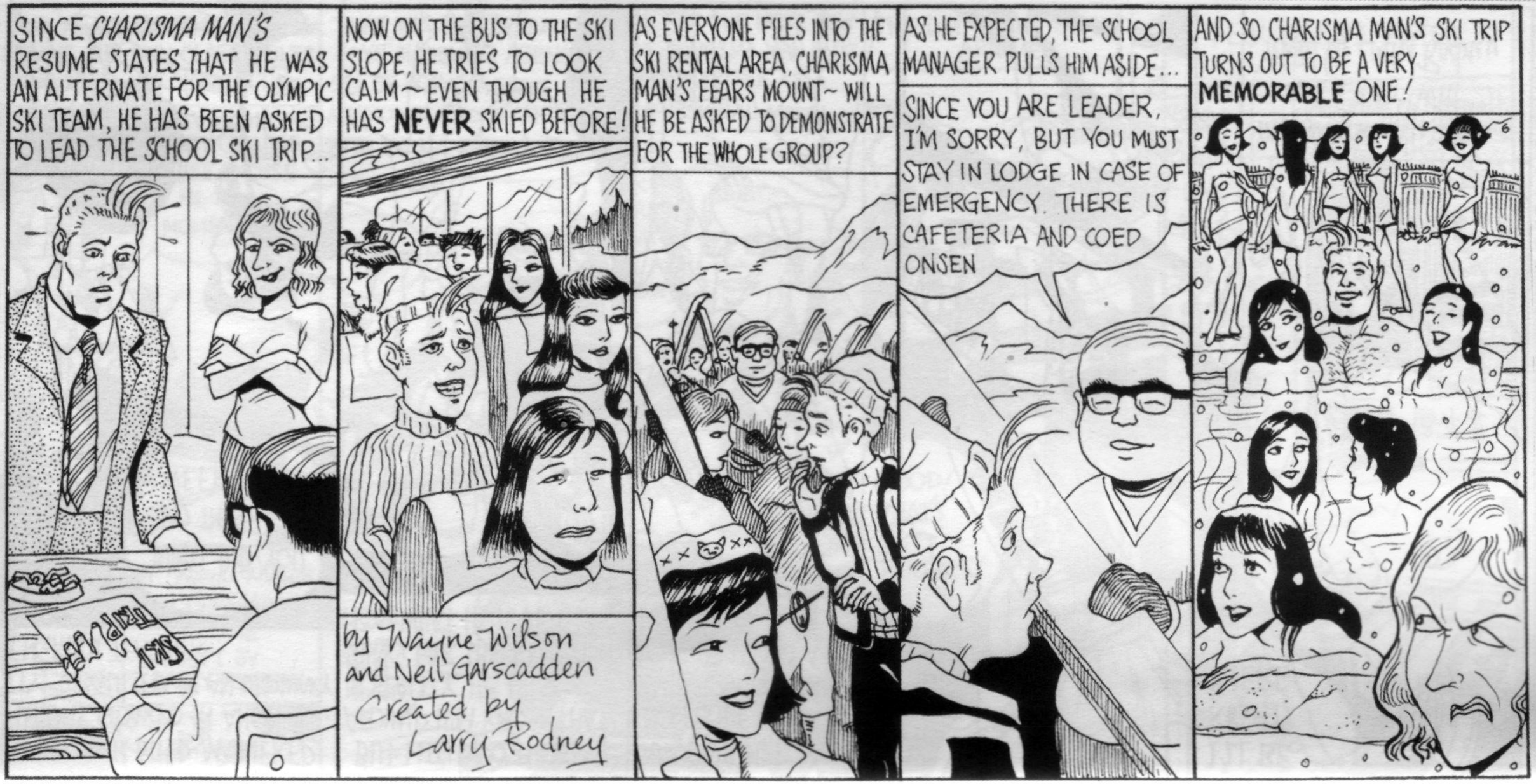
LATER, BACK IN HIS APĀTO, HE DISCOVERS JUST *HOW* GENEROUS.

by Wayne Wilson and Neil Garscadden
Created by Larry Rodney

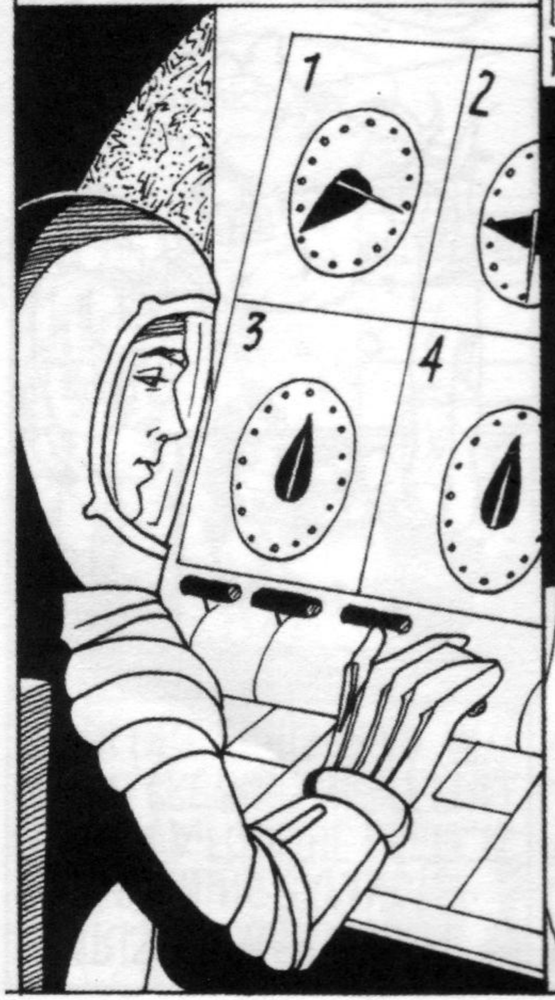
DOCTOR! THE NEXT PATIENT NEEDS OPEN-HEART SURGERY
SURGERY IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN TEN MINUTES!
TEN MINUTES! BUT I'VE NEVER PERFORMED OPEN-HEART SURGERY... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
GAMBATTE! HERE IS THE PATIENT'S HISTORY CHART. THIS IS AN OPEN-SURGERY MANUAL. TRY LOOKING AT IT BEFORE GOING IN!
OPEN HEART SURGERY
I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE TO WING IT...
by Wayne Wilson and Neil Garscadden
Created by Larry Rodney
HELLO. HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY? HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND?
LATER...
THANK YOU DOCTOR! I ENJOYED TODAY'S SURGERY VERY MUCH!
GREAT! SEE YOU AGAIN, NEXT WEEK!
IF ALL JOBS REQUIRED THE SAME AMOUNT OF SKILLS AS ENGLISH TEACHING...

OUR HERO CHARISMA MAN BREAKS HIS OWN CLASS RULES TO ANSWER HIS "KEITAI"....
IT'S MY MODELING AGENCY CALLING. PLEASE EXCUSE ME A MOMENT...
BY Wayne Wilson
NEIL GARSCADDEN
"SHANE"
CONCEPT BY
LARRY RODNEY
THAT WAS THE "CREAMY BOYS" MODELING AGENCY! I'LL BE DOING A SHOOT FOR A NATIONAL PROMO CAMPAIGN, WITH BIG ADS EVERYWHERE!
KAKKO II!!
SUGOI!!
CAN I HAVE YOUR SIGN?
AND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, CHARISMA MAN BASKS IN HIS PRESTIGE AS A PROFESSIONAL MODEL
OK GIRLS! THAT'S ALL FOR NOW!
THE DAY OF THE SHOOT ARRIVES...
GOOD! THAT'S IT! PERFECT!
A FEW WEEKS LATER...
Sassy Beer
Beware of sexually transmitted diseases!
性病にご用心!!
ヤバイ!
Japanese Health Ministry
厚生省

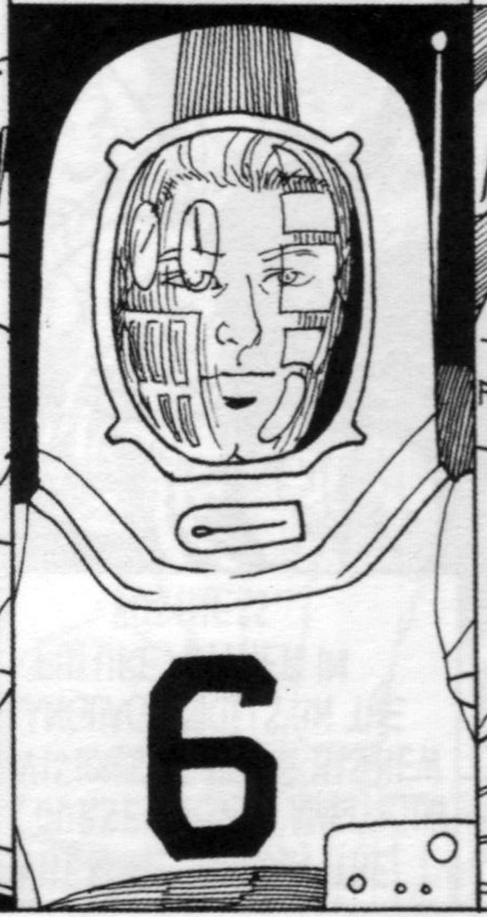
BY DAY, OUR MILD-MANNERED HERO IS CLOAKED IN ANONYMITY, DISGUISED AS AN ORDINARY ENGRISH TEACHER...
WHAT DID YOU DO THIS WEEKEND?
BUT LITTLE DO THOSE AROUND HIM KNOW THAT IN REALITY, HE IS SOMETHING FAR DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HE APPEARS...
OUR 90'S HERO NEEDS NO PHONE BOOTH TO MAKE A TRANSFORMATION WHEN HE HEARS A PLEA FOR HELP...
Michiko
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
by Wayne Wilson and Carter Witt
Created by Larry Rodney


SINCE CHARISMA MAN'S RESUME STATES THAT HE WAS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE OLYMPIC SKI TEAM, HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO LEAD THE SCHOOL SKI TRIP...
SKI TRIP
NOW ON THE BUS TO THE SKI SLOPE, HE TRIES TO LOOK CALM~EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NEVER SKIED BEFORE!
by Wayne Wilson and Neil Garscadden
Created by Larry Rodney
AS EVERYONE FILES INTO THE SKI RENTAL AREA, CHARISMA MAN'S FEARS MOUNT~ WILL HE BE ASKED TO DEMONSTRATE FOR THE WHOLE GROUP?
AS HE EXPECTED, THE SCHOOL MANAGER PULLS HIM ASIDE...
SINCE YOU ARE LEADER, I'M SORRY, BUT YOU MUST STAY IN LODGE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. THERE IS CAFETERIA AND COED ONSEN
AND SO CHARISMA MAN'S SKI TRIP TURNS OUT TO BE A VERY MEMORABLE ONE!

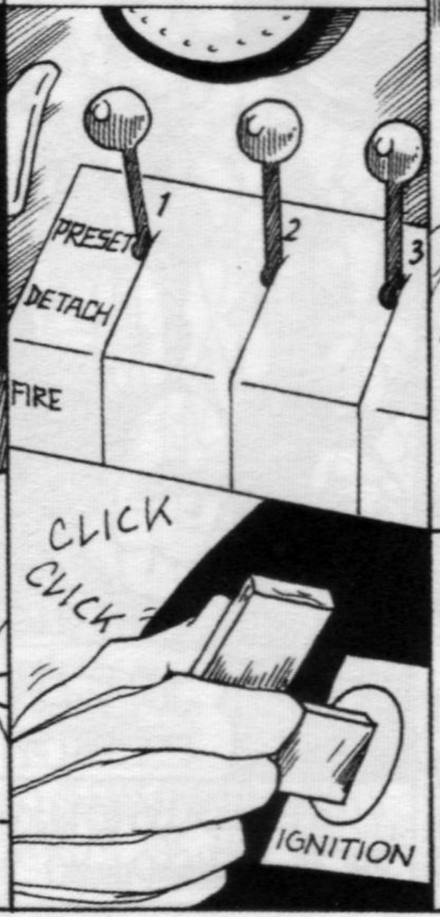
OUR HERO, *CHARISMA-MAN*, HAS ALREADY ENTERED THE MODULE AND IS CHECKING ALL OF THE INSTRUMENT PANEL SWITCHES



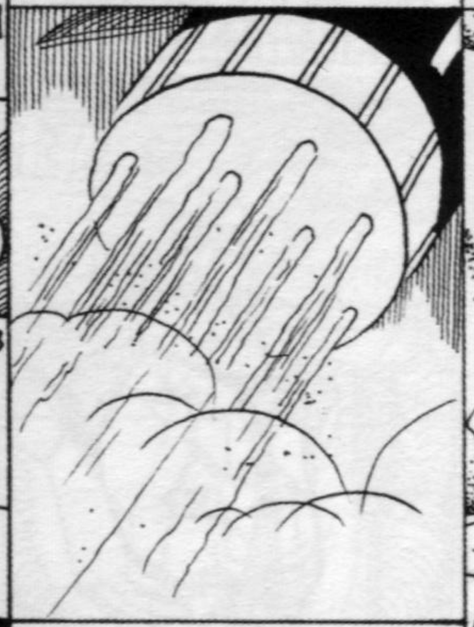
IN THE ENTIRE WORLD, ONLY HE HAS THE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO BRING ABOUT IGNITION. HE TENSELY SETS THE CONTROLS ~ HOPING FOR A GOOD MISSION.



THE MOMENT OF TRUTH HAS ARRIVED. THE WORN IGNITION SWITCH SNAPS LOUDLY AS *CHARISMA-MAN* BEGINS THE FINAL IGNITION SEQUENCE.



THERE IS A THUNDEROUS ROAR OF SPRAY AND STEAM; ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO! THE MISSION IS A SUCCESS!



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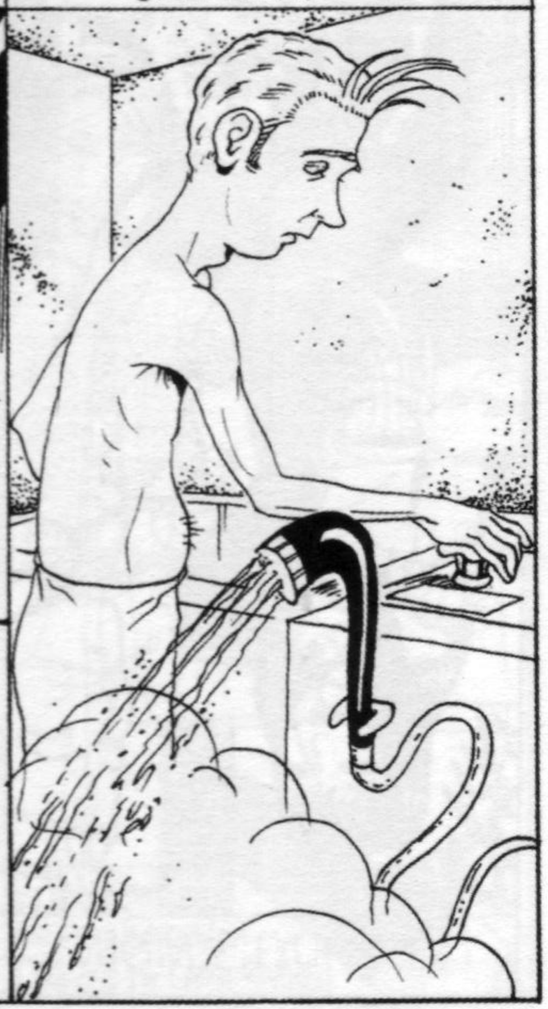
....*CHARISMA-MAN* CAN ONCE AGAIN BEGIN TAKING A HOT SHOWER IN HIS APAATO'S UNIT BATH.



CHARISMA-MAN SITS IN HIS MORNING JAPANESE CLASS IN A FOG, THE EFFECTS OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT STILL BUBBLING IN HIS HEAD

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WHEN HE BEGAN THE COURSE, HE HAD AMBITIOUS VISIONS OF USING HIS NEW LANGUAGE SKILLS IN THE FUTURE, EITHER IN BUSINESS...

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...OR POSSIBLY IN THE DIPLOMATIC FIELD.

Mr. President, I suggest you respond with...

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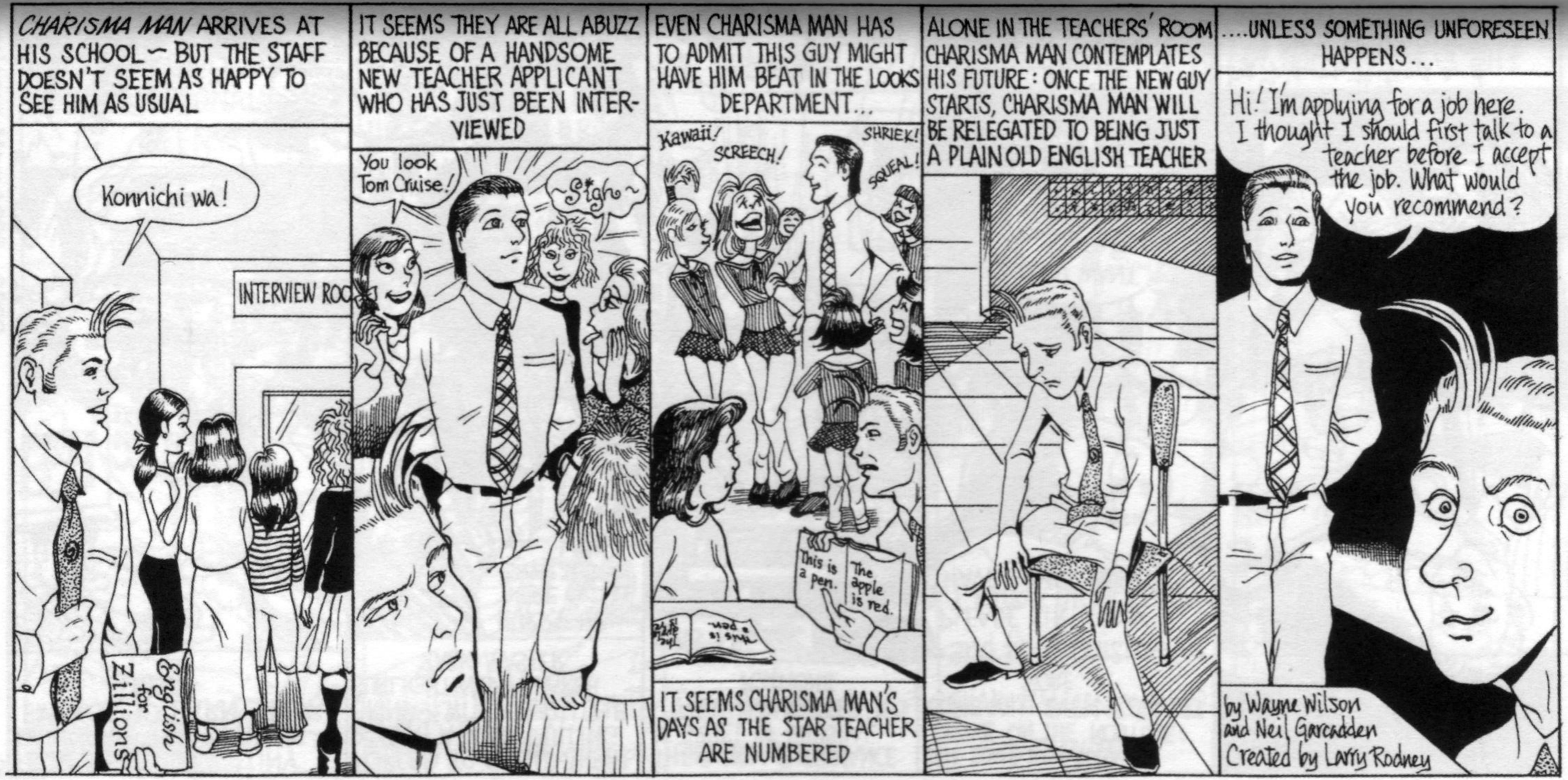
BUT NOW, EVEN IN HIS HALF-CONSCIOUS STATE, HE REALIZES HE WILL NEVER ACHIEVE ANYWHERE NEAR FLUENCY

HE NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT FOR A PERSON LIKE HIMSELF, THERE IS ONLY ONE BENEFIT TO STUDYING JAPANESE:

...LANGUAGE EXCHANGES.


CHARISMA MAN ARRIVES AT HIS SCHOOL ~ BUT THE STAFF DOESN'T SEEM AS HAPPY TO SEE HIM AS USUAL
Konnichi wa!
INTERVIEW ROO
English for Zillions
IT SEEMS THEY ARE ALL ABUZZ BECAUSE OF A HANDSOME NEW TEACHER APPLICANT WHO HAS JUST BEEN INTERVIEWED
You look Tom Cruise!
Sigh
EVEN CHARISMA MAN HAS TO ADMIT THIS GUY MIGHT HAVE HIM BEAT IN THE LOOKS DEPARTMENT...
Kawaii!
SCREECH!
SHRIEK!
SQUEAL!
This is a pen.
The apple is red.
IT SEEMS CHARISMA MAN'S DAYS AS THE STAR TEACHER ARE NUMBERED
ALONE IN THE TEACHERS' ROOM CHARISMA MAN CONTEMPLATES HIS FUTURE: ONCE THE NEW GUY STARTS, CHARISMA MAN WILL BE RELEGATED TO BEING JUST A PLAIN OLD ENGLISH TEACHER
....UNLESS SOMETHING UNFORESEEN HAPPENS...
Hi! I'm applying for a job here. I thought I should first talk to a teacher before I accept the job. What would you recommend?
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FROM THEIR DARK, TINY QUARTERS, THE ORPHANS EMERGE TO EARN THEIR KEEP
TOTA
FORCED TO SPEND THEIR DAYS AT A MIND-DULLING GRIND ~ WITH VERY LITTLE SUNLIGHT AND A HARSH TASK-MASTER
HURRY UP THERE OR I'LL SHOW YOU MY LASH!
MOKTA
THEIR ONLY SUSTENANCE IS GRUEL OF UNUSUAL TASTE AND MEAGER PORTIONS
Let's Effort!
SLURP
BUT SOME INDIVIDUALS THRIVE ON THE ROUTINE; SOME WILL EVEN REQUEST MORE....
PLEASE SIR... MAY I HAVE SOME MORE?
YOU WANT MORE?
NORITOKE
Request for Visa Renewal
VISA EXPIRED
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CHARISMA MAN'S CURIOSITY HAS BEEN PIQUED BY THE VARIOUS PERSONALS HE'S SEEN...

HE DECIDES TO FIRE OFF A MISSIVE OF HIS OWN TO SEE WHAT MORSELS HE CAN LURE IN... BUT HE MUSTN'T BE TOO DIRECT...

I want to meet pretty woman for rendezvous|

AND NOW, TO ADD SOME BAIT...

Stable, professional. I am handsome, sporty and cultured|

AND FINALLY, THE CLINCHER:

I enjoy theater, ballet and fine cuisine.

CHARISMAMANJAPAN@HOTMAIL.COM

NOW, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WAITING FOR A BITE.

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CHARISMA MAN IS A BIT NERVOUS BEFORE HIS FIRST JOB AS A WEDDING MINISTER, SO HE'S GETTING SOME COURAGE FROM AN OLD FRIEND...
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HE FOULS UP DURING THE VOWS — BUT NO ONE UNDERSTANDS ANYWAY
DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR AWFULLY WEDDED WIFE?
I DO
IN THE NEXT SERVICE 30 MINUTES LATER, FOR FUN HE DELIBERATELY SLIPS IN A FEW WORD CHANGES...
TO HAVE AND TO SCRUB MOLD, UNTIL DEATH DO YOU FART?
HE'S BEGINNING TO ENJOY THIS. ON THE LAST SERVICE HE REALLY LETS LOOSE
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOUR HUSBAND A KNIFE. YOU MAY KISS THE BIRD.
UNFORTUNATELY, HE HADN'T READ THE CELEBRANTS' NAMES IN ADVANCE
Wedding Service
Michael Chen
Rachel Tanaka

FAR OUT IN THE PACIFIC, COMMANDER CHARISMA MAKES A PERISCOPE-SURVEY OF THE SURROUNDINGS...

ON THE PORT SIDE, HE'S STARTLED TO SEE A HUGE BATTLESHIP BEARING DIRECTLY DOWN ON HIM...

HE INSTANTLY SHOUTS THE ORDER TO...

DIVE!

DIVE!

SENDING THE SUB PLUNGING INTO THE DEPTHS

CHARISMA MAN AND HIS CREW HEAR THE GIANT SHIP AS IT PASSES DIRECTLY OVERHEAD

THIS TIME, IT SEEMS THAT THEY ESCAPED DETECTION

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THE FOREIGN DOCTOR'S PRIVATE PRACTICE GREW RAPIDLY AS HE GAINED A REPUTATION FOR WISE COUNSEL.
IN THE AMBIENT LIGHT OF THE DRAWING ROOM, HIS FIRST CLIENT OF THE DAY DESCRIBES A PROBLEMATIC CHILDHOOD. THE DOCTOR LISTENS, TAKING NOTES.
THE NEXT CLIENT TELLS ANIMATEDLY OF HOW SHE CAUGHT HER HUSBAND HAVING AN AFFAIR. THE DOCTOR STOICLY NODS AND MAKES A NOTATION.
THE LAST CLIENT OF THE DAY IS AN INTRIGUING SUBJECT, EXHIBITING A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR THAT HAS DRAWN THE PROFESSIONAL INTEREST OF THE EVER-ATTENTIVE DOCTOR.
HE HOPES THAT WITH TIME AND COUNSELING, HE CAN HELP THE YOUNG WOMAN TO OVERCOME ALL INHIBITIONS...
English Time! #1
English Time! #1
English Time! #1
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UNCHARACTERISTICALLY EARLY ONE WEDNESDAY MORNING, OUR HERO DROWSILY MAKES HIS WAY TO A COMPANY CLASS....
地獄ヶ丘
HE SHOULD NEVER HAVE ACCEPTED THIS CLASS AT ALL--IT'S JUST THAT THE SCHOOL TRICKED HIM BY OFFERING HIM A PALTRY ¥1000 EXTRA....
カメラランド
MORITA
IT'S NO FUN TEACHING A BUNCH OF CHAIN-SMOKING SALARYMEN... HE SHOULD JUST TURN RIGHT AROUND AND GET THE HECK OUT NOW!
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MAYBE HE COULD JUST TELL THE CLASS THAT HE DOESN'T FEEL VERY WELL AND CAN'T TEACH THEM TODAY.....
Good Morning!
...BUT THEN AGAIN, HE HAS BEEN SLEEPING IN A BIT TOO MUCH THESE LAST WEEKS...

OUR HERO, CHARISMA-MAN IS SHOCKED AT THE PRICES THAT ARE BEING CHARGED FOR TRAVEL OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

LSD TRAVEL
Thailand 99,000
Hawaii 756,000
Belgrade 659,000

TRAVEL NO.//
Saitama 69,000
Ethiopia 700,000
Iceland 8,000,000

MIND TRAVEL
North Pole 9,000,000
Iwo Jima 8,000,000

GO TRAV
Junea
El Paso

HIP TRA
Yellow Springs 17,0
Calcut
10,000

THERE'S NO WAYS HE'S GOING TO UNLOAD THAT MUCH CASH JUST TO FLY SOMEWHERE. WHO HAS THAT MUCH MONEY TO THROW AROUND ANYWAY?

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HE CAN JUST SAVE SOME CASH AND ENJOY HIMSELF HERE. THERE ARE LOTS OF FUN THINGS TO DO . . .

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S. . . . . THERE'S . . .

Hawaii

Ship Travel

DIAMOND JIM

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On his trip home over the holidays, Charisma Man was surprised to find that all of his friends had become... ADULTS!

This here's little Johnny. 'Course, there's another one on the way. Lucky I got the larger house....

With their houses, kids, cars and all, it got Charisma Man thinking he's a bit old for it all.

Of course, there were reminders of what had encouraged him to set out in the first place...

LINE STARTS BEHIND ME... ...GEEK!!

TSK!

BUS STOP

Still, as he sat in the airport departure lounge, he couldn't help thinking that it might be time to wrap things up.

UNTIED AIR

That feeling though, soon passed after he was seated

Hello! I like sport! What hobbies you do?

I hope to find nice boyfriend!

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SPECIAL FORCES STRIKE TEAM COMMANDER MAJOR CHARISMA RACES TO THE TARGET POINT
THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE--AT A SET TIME, THE DEVICE WILL GO OFF; ONCE IT GOES OFF, ALL HOPE WILL BE EXTINGUISHED
FAILURE TO EXECUTE THE PROCEDURE WITHIN THE ALOTTED PERIOD WILL MEAN HAVING TO ENDURE TORTURE AND PAIN
WITH ONLY MOMENTS TO SPARE, THE TARGET IS REACHED, AND THE METALLIC CODES ENTERED. THERE WILL BE NO SUFFERING FOR CHARISMA MAN
A FEW SECONDS LATER, AND THE BEER MACHINE TURNS OFF FOR THE NIGHT.
MY BEER LIFE
YUHI BEER
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SATURDAY NIGHT FINDS OUR HERO AT HIS REGULAR SEAT NURSING A COLD ONE AFTER A LONG DAY OF TEACHING.
THE WONDE YEARS
FORTUNE SMILES WHEN 2 LADIES SIT DOWN BESIDE HIM. HIS CONFIDENCE BOLSTERED BY SEVERAL HIGH BALLS, HE BREAKS THE ICE WITH ONE OF HIS SMOOTHER LINES....
You both look like eskimos!
You're funny! Hee hee
Tee hee! We're stewardesses. What do you do?
STEWARDESSES! THINGS ARE LOOKING UP. HE'LL HAVE TO EMBELLISH A TINY BIT SO AS TO MAKE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION.
I'm a trader for an info-transfer. . . cognotive corporation! I'm trading info for equities!
KAKKOIII!
SUGO~I!!
A FEW DRINKS LATER, IT HAS BEEN AGREED TO SHARE A TAXI TO THEIR HOTEL FOR YET ANOTHER ROUND. AS THEY STAND UP HOWEVER, CHARISMA MAN'S BAG COMES OPEN...
Nanda. . .
Yahhhhn!
ENGLISH TEACHING MADE EASY
ABC
English 4 you
English
English Conversation
AND, THERE GOES WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A VERY EXCITING EVENING.
EXIT
出口
By Wayne Wilson and Neil Garsladden
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MAJOR CHARISMA IS ONCE AGAIN AT THE CONTROLS OF THE JET ON HIS REGULAR WEEKEND RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OF THE AREA

SUDDENLY THE WARNING SIGNALS GO OFF AS THE RADAR INDICATES THE APPROACH OF A POSSIBLE TARGET

MAJ. CHARISMA ★★★★★

IT'S EVERY FIGHTER PILOT'S DREAM COME TRUE--A TOP OF THE LINE, SUPERSONIC GLEAMING, PLATINUM-HULLED CRUISER! APPARENTLY ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OF ITS OWN...

CHARISMA MAN'S SMILE VANISHES AS OUT OF THE BLUE, AN INTRUDER SWOOPS DOWN AND TAKES UP AN ESCORT POSITION

THE OPPORTUNITY GONE, WITH FUEL SUPPLIES LOW AND THE LAST TRAIN LEAVING SOON, CHARISMA MAN MAKES ONE FINAL PASS BEFORE HEADING HOME

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THIS CROWD CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. CHARISMA MAN MAKES HIS WAY TO THE MAIN STAGE AND STEPS INTO THE SPOT LIGHT TO RAPTUROUS APPLAUSE AND ANNOUNCES THE NEXT SONG--A RECENT TOP 10 HIT.
BUT THERE IS SOME COMMOTION IN THE BAND; THEY DON'T KNOW THE SONG. CHARISMA MAN CHANGES TO ANOTHER TITLE AND AGAIN THE BAND LEADER SHAKES HIS HEAD.
CHARISMA MAN CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS HAPPENING. THE BAND DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW ANY SONGS. IT'S FINALLY RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO DO THE BEATLES' "YESTERDAY".
BUT AS SOON AS THE FIRST NOTES SOUND, CHARISMA MAN REALIZES HE'S FACING THE TYPE OF DISASTER NO PERFORMER SHOULD EVER BE FORCED TO ENDURE. WHAT THE BAND IS PLAYING IS NOT "YESTERDAY", BUT RATHER SOME ENKA SONG!
NEXT TIME, HE'LL JUST ENTER THE SONG NUMBERS HIMSELF BEFORE HE DOES ANY KARAOKE.
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ORDINARILY, IT'S HARD FOR CHARISMA MAN NOT TO GET NOTICED
HARO! HARO!
GAIJIN! GAIJIN!
BUT EVEN CHARISMA MAN HAS NOTICED THAT AT TIMES, HE ACTUALLY BECOMES INVISIBLE!
OH CRIPE! NOT AGAIN!
IT ALMOST ALWAYS HAPPENS WHEN HE'S WALKING PAST SOME SLEAZY PLACE
助平天国 Sukebei Heaven
BUT IT CAN HAPPEN IN CROWDED AREAS TOO--- ESPECIALLY IF HE'S WAITING IN LINE
先発 11:5
えきこ
UNFORTUNATELY, HE HAS NO CONTROL OVER WHEN IT HAPPENS
DARE SORE?!! 誰それっ?!!
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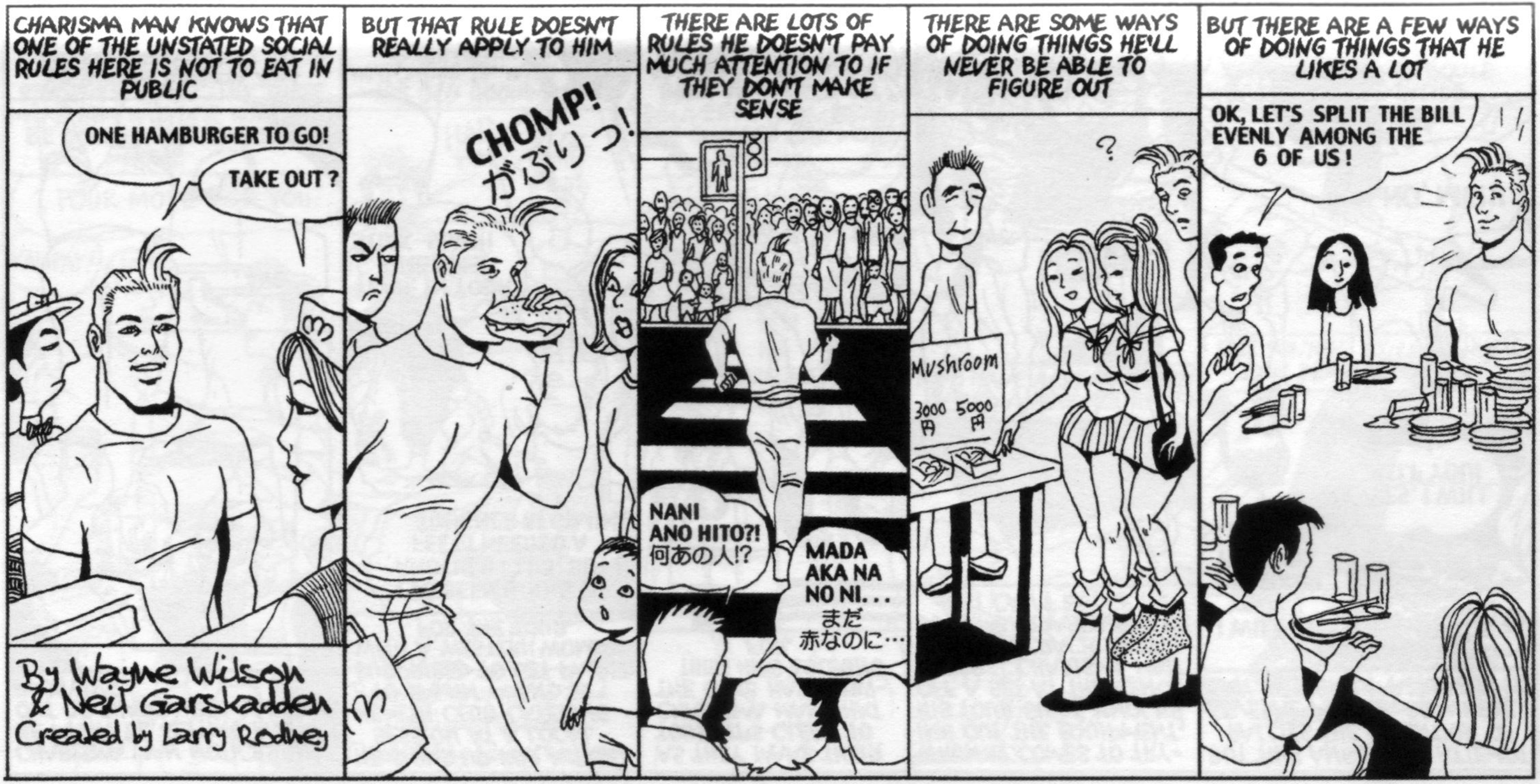
CHARISMA MAN KNOWS THAT ONE OF THE UNSTATED SOCIAL RULES HERE IS NOT TO EAT IN PUBLIC
ONE HAMBURGER TO GO!
TAKE OUT?
BUT THAT RULE DOESN'T REALLY APPLY TO HIM
CHOMP!
がぶりっ!
THERE ARE LOTS OF RULES HE DOESN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO IF THEY DON'T MAKE SENSE
NANI ANO HITO?!
何あの人!?
MADA AKA NA NO NI...
まだ赤なのに…
THERE ARE SOME WAYS OF DOING THINGS HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT
Mushroom
3000 円
5000 円
?
BUT THERE ARE A FEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS THAT HE LIKES A LOT
OK, LET'S SPLIT THE BILL EVENLY AMONG THE 6 OF US!
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CHARISMA MAN NOTICES THAT HE MIGHT BE GETTING A LITTLE OUT OF SHAPE WITH ALL THAT PARTYING...
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HE SIGNS UP FOR A TRIAL SESSION AT A LOCAL HEALTH CLUB CATERING TO GAIJIN -- AND IS SURPRISED TO GET PAIRED WITH A WESTERN WOMAN FOR THE TOUR.
I'VE BEEN GOING TO ANOTHER CLUB, BUT I FELT I NEEDED A TOUGHER REGIMINE
YEAH, IN YOUR DREAMS, STICK-MAN!!
AS THEY MAKE THEIR TOUR, IT'S CLEAR TO CHARISMA MAN THAT THE CLUB HAS EVERY-THING HE'S LOOKING FOR.
WHEN IT COMES TO TRY-ING OUT THE EQUIPMENT, HIS TOUR GUIDE KNOCKS OFF A SET AT THE BENCH PRESS. CHARISMA MAN TAKES A CRACK AT IT, BUT EMBARRASSINGLY HE JUST CAN'T BUDGE IT.
AAARRGGHHH!
BUT THIS ANGUISHED ATTEMPT RALLIES THE ATTENTION OF SEVERAL PEOPLE. SO WHERE CAN HE SIGN UP ALREADY?!!
I WILL BE YOUR PERSONAL TRAINER!
YES, I WILL HELP YOU!
20 KG
NO, ME!!!

IT'S WEDNESDAY EVENING AND OUR HERO CHARISMA MAN IS OUT WITH SOME OF HIS STUDENTS. TIMES LIKE THESE MAKE HIM WONDER WHAT HE'D BE DOING IF HE WAS BACK HOME
I POUR MORE FOR YOU!
KAMPAI!
BEING A WEEK-NIGHT, HE'D PROBABLY BE WATCHING TV WITH MORT, HIS OLD ROOMMATE
HAR HAR!
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BACK HOME, HIS OPTIONS FOR THE EVENING WOULD HAVE BEEN TV DINNER OR DELIVERY PIZZA. HERE, THE CHOICES ARE MORE ENTICING
LET'S GO MORE DRINKING!
LET'S COME WITH ME KARAOKE!
BY THE TIME HE'S IN THE TAXI HERE . . .
HE'D HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN BED A FEW HOURS
3:42
OF COURSE, BACK HOME HIS APARTMENT WAS MUCH MORE SPACIOUS AND HE COULD WEAR HIS SHOES INSIDE . . .
BUT TONIGHT AT LEAST, HE CAN DEAL WITH IT

THERE'S ALWAYS SOME OLD GUY AT THE LOCAL BAR THAT CHARISMA MAN GOES TO. IT GETS HIM WONDERING WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO GROW OLD IN JAPAN
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WITH HIS LACK OF SKILLS, HE WOULD PROBABLY END UP AS THE HEAD TEACHER AT HIS SCHOOL, ENFORCING THE RULES
HAPPY GO!! English
ROGER, I HEARD YOU ASK MS.HANA OUT. YOU KNOW THAT IT'S AGAINST THE POLICY OF HAPPY-GO-ENGLISH!
BUT EVEN SO, HE COULD PROBABLY STILL HAVE SOME WILD NIGHTS OUT
SHAKE IT BABY YEAH!
AND JUDGING FROM WHAT HE'S SEEN, AGE IS NO BARRIER WHEN IT COMES TO PLAYING THE FIELD
SO UH, WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING AT YOUR JUNIOR COLLEGE?
BUT ALL THAT IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF FROM NOW
KOKO WA OJII-SAN BAKARARI DA SHI~♡
BETSU NO BAR NI IKŌ YO!
SŌ SŌ SŌ SŌ! HAYAKU IKŌ JAN!

AT THE MEETING TO ORGANIZE THE SCHOOL XMAS PARTY, THERE IS SOME COMPETITION TO BE THE PERSON DRESSED UP AS SANTA
X-mas Party
1. Santa
2. Food
3. Games
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RUMOR HAS IT THAT AT LAST YEAR'S PARTY, THINGS GOT A LITTLE WILD AT SANTA'S CHAIR
Onaka a muchi-muchi!
Kawaii...!
IN ANTICIPATION OF EQUALLY EXCITING TIMES, CHARISMA MAN GETS DRESSED IN THE TEACHERS' ROOM ALONG WITH HIS HELPER, A WESTERN WOMAN "ELF"
THERE'S A GREAT SHOUT WHEN HE GOES OUT INTO THE PARTY ROOM TO TAKE HIS PLACE AT SANTA'S CHAIR
Ho! Ho! Ho!
SANTA!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A BIT LESS EXCITING A NIGHT THAN HE EXPECTED

FAR NORTH AT THE ARCTIC RESEARCH STATION, THE TEMPERATURE CONTINUES TO DROP PRECIPITOUSLY

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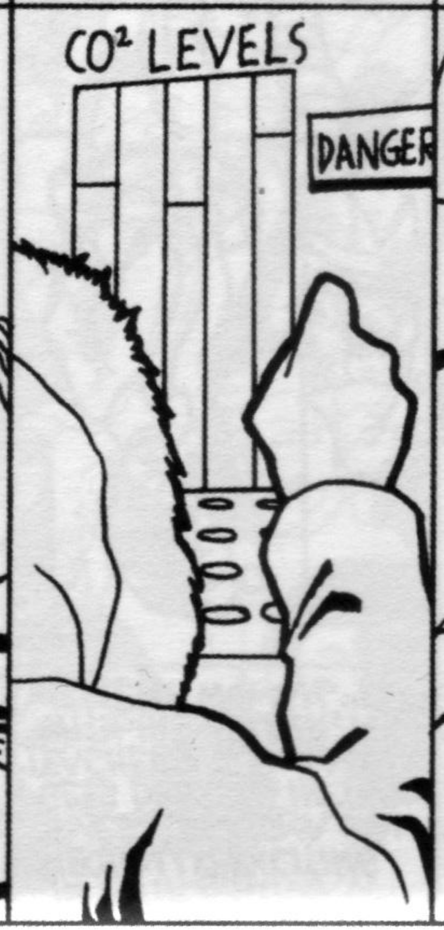
INSIDE THE STATION, MAJOR CHARISMA SCOLDS HIMSELF FOR ATTEMPTING TO SAVE FUEL, NOW REALIZING THAT HE MUST LEAVE THE STATION TO RESTART THE EXTERNAL HEATING DEVICE

IN A DESPERATE BID TO RETAIN HEAT, HE CLOSES OFF ALL THE STATION'S OUTSIDE VENTILATION --BUT THIS TACTIC ONLY RESULTS IN DANGEROUSLY HIGH CO_2 LEVELS



THE TWIN FEARS OF DWINDLING OXYGEN AND INCREASING COLD PUSH CHARISMA TO FINALLY CRAWL HIS WAY DOWN THE EXIT PASSAGE USING EVERY LAST BIT OF HIS REMAINING STRENGTH

HE WILL HAVE ONLY SECONDS IN THE OUTSIDE COLD BEFORE DEATH COMES UPON HIM. THE EXIT DOORS OPEN AND HE LUNGES TOWARD THE HEATING DEVICE CONTROLS

CHARISMA MAN WASN'T TOO PLEASED WHEN HE GOT THE "HELLO KITTY" CUSHION DURING THE PRESENT EXCHANGE AT THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY.
ITS SHAPE AND SOFTNESS WERE UNMISTAKABLE THOUGH, AND NOW ON HIS FIRST SNOWBOARD TRIP, HE HAS BECOME QUITE ATTACHED TO IT.
SKI!
THE LONG RIDE UP THE LIFT CAN LEAVE QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON A PERSON.
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SO, CHARISMA MAN'S DILEMMA IS WHETHER THE COMFORT OF HIS POSTERIOR IS WORTH THE JEERS FROM HIS FELLOW SNOWBOARDERS.
LIFT LINE
リフトライン
SUDDENLY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOPE, THE DECISION COMES EASILY.
HELLO KITTY SKI CLUB

Charisma Man's weekly work schedule has him playing a wide variety of characters. On Mondays at the high school, he's Robin Williams in "Dead Poet's Society"
SEIZE THE DAY, BOYS! GATHER THY SUSHI WHILST THEE MAY!
At the Tuesday kids' class, he's Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Kindergarten Cop"
H
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A IS FOR APPLE!
At the girls' high school on Wednesdays, he feels like Humbert Humbert from "Lolita"
Good Morning, Sensei !
When that one fruitcake comes to Thursday's conversation class, he becomes the priest from "The Exorcist"
YES!
NO!
And he always looks forward to Dustin Hoffman's role in his private class on Fridays at the home of Mrs Watanabe
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Created by Larry Rodney

Charisma Man doesn't usually pay too much attention to local culture.
Coming thru!
Oi, chotto!
Nani sunnda!
But the feeling of spring is in the air, and he knows that hanami is quickly approaching.
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Created by Larry Rodney
It's time for getting together with close friends and new students . . .
PARTY TIME!!
Yeah!
. . .sampling some good local cuisine and drinks
IK-KI! IK-KI!
. . . and getting out and enjoying the great outdoors!
Drink!
Drink!

Charisma Man's glowing letters home have attracted interest--and now he waits to meet Larry, a friend who is flying over for vacation

Arrivals 到着

They used to work together at his last job--which was okay

But while he is a friend, he's also a bit of a geek, and Charisma Man doesn't think he'll find Japan so great

But it seems Larry got to know some of the stewardesses on his flight

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So, this little vacation looks like it's going to be quite a pleasurable time after all

By Wayne Wilson and Neil Garskadden

Created by Larry Rodney

It's an hour before the game and due to sickness, the team doesn't have enought players to start!

However, one of the coaches does a data reference check and discovers that a top player is not only nearby but available

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Charisma Man gets the call still in bed and after hearing the desperate pleas, he agrees to help out the squad, even on his day off

With minutes to spare before kick-off, Charisma Man races into the cheering locker room

And with the opposing team noticing nothing unusual, they march on to the pitch, exactly on time to do battle

With the outdoor pool open now, our hero decides it's time to get a sun tan and strut his stuff

Unfortunately, a gaggle of Western women are already at the best suntanning spot

THIS AREA IS TAKEN!

GEEK!

So he finds another place at the other end with good potential

Ara, gaijin da wa!

sugoi!

Without having given much thought on the sun's angle, he lays out and falls asleep for the next hour

Feast your eyes on this bod, Babes!

Are mite!

Honto da!

On his way out, he notices everyone smiling--having a suntan REALLY can add to your image!

GEEK!

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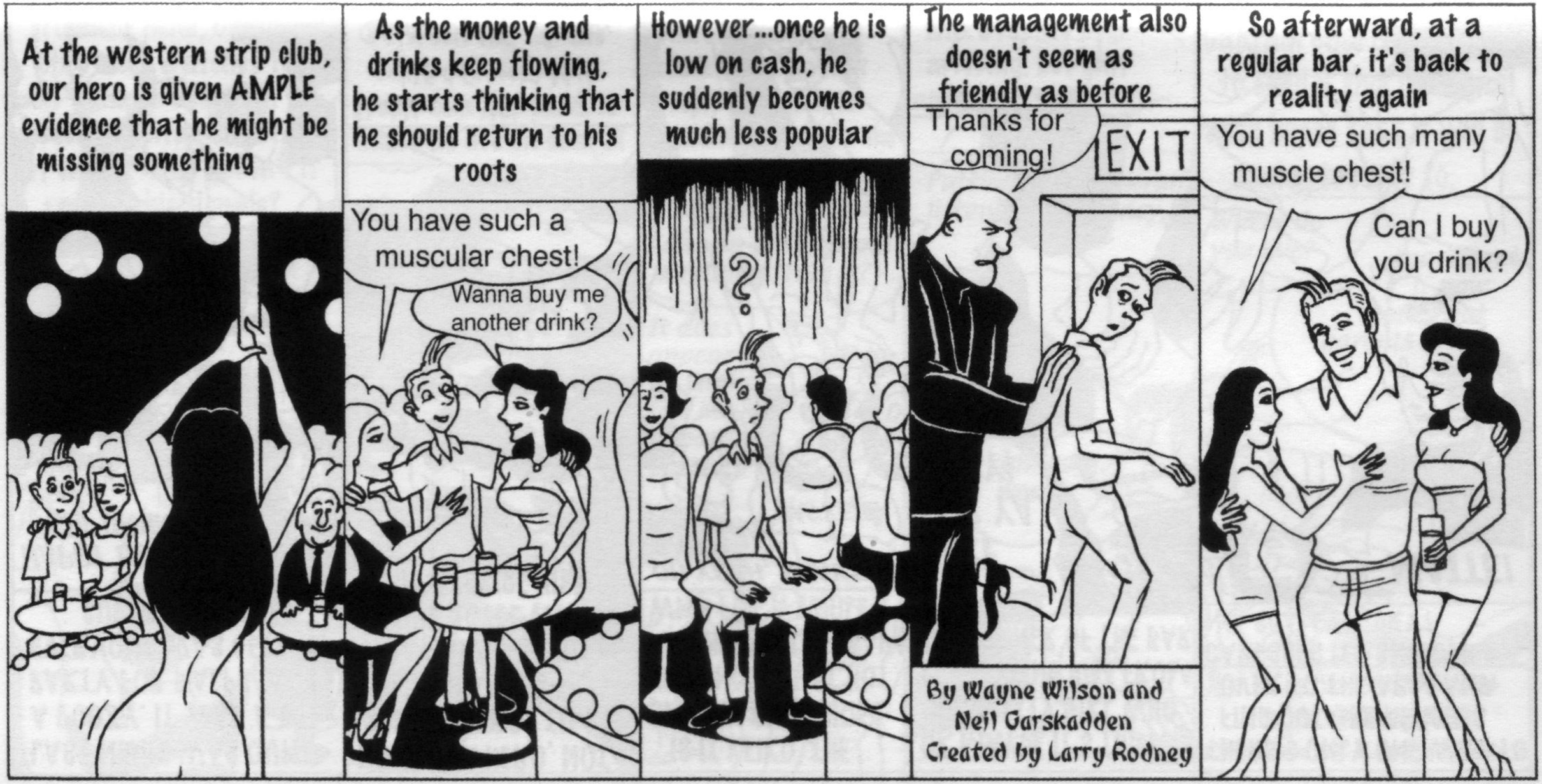
At the western strip club, our hero is given AMPLE evidence that he might be missing something
As the money and drinks keep flowing, he starts thinking that he should return to his roots
You have such a muscular chest!
Wanna buy me another drink?
However...once he is low on cash, he suddenly becomes much less popular
?
The management also doesn't seem as friendly as before
Thanks for coming!
EXIT
So afterward, at a regular bar, it's back to reality again
You have such many muscle chest!
Can I buy you drink?
By Wayne Wilson and Neil Garskadden
Created by Larry Rodney

LAST NIGHT WAS QUITE A DOOZY. IT WAS A B-PARTY FOR RALPH, AND EVERYONE WAS GETTING SUPER PLASTERED
HAPPY BIRTHDAY GET DRUNK!
NOW OUR HERO, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, FINDS HIMSELF IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A LOVE HOTEL WITH A BODY BESIDE HIM
By Wayne Wilson and Neil Garskadden
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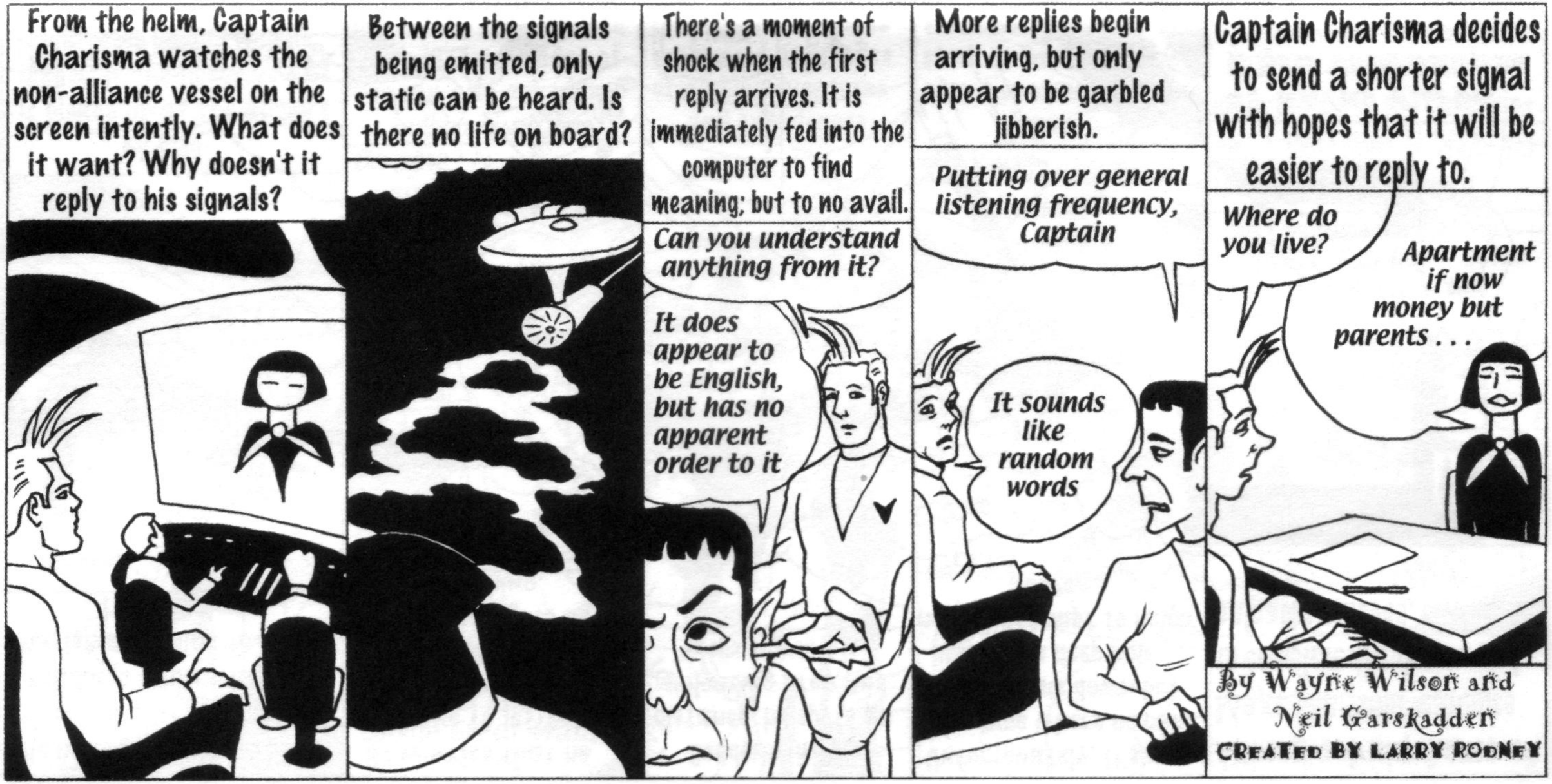
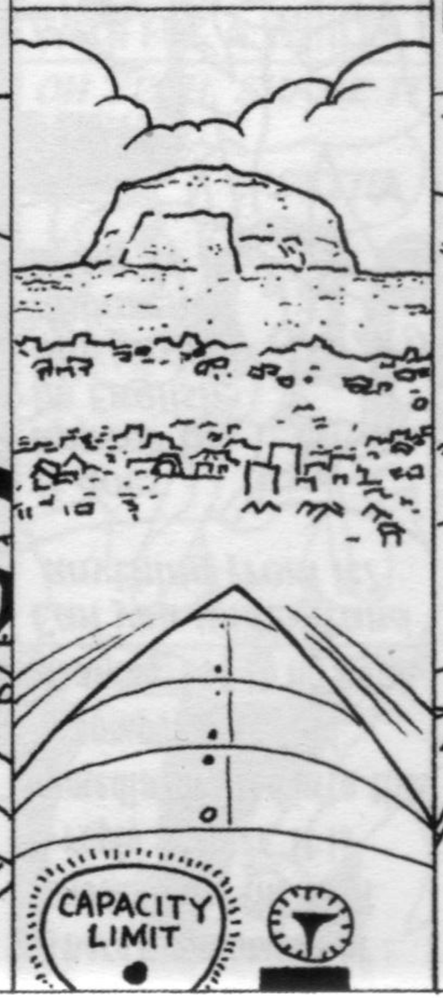
IS IT KEIKO, THE SECRETARY, WHOM HE DANCED THAT HOT AND HEAVY LAMBADA WITH FOR A WHILE?
OH YEAH, SHAKE IT BABY!
TAS'KETE!
OR MAYBE IT'S THAT ONE PRETTY GIRL WHO KEPT EYEING HIM FROM THE CORNER OF THE BAR
I'M HERE FOR YA, BABY!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT--HE REACHES OVER TO THE ARM AND CARESSES ITS SMOOTH... NO, SCALEY?...DRY?
MATTE!


From the helm, Captain Charisma watches the non-alliance vessel on the screen intently. What does it want? Why doesn't it reply to his signals?
Between the signals being emitted, only static can be heard. Is there no life on board?
There's a moment of shock when the first reply arrives. It is immediately fed into the computer to find meaning; but to no avail.
Can you understand anything from it?
It does appear to be English, but has no apparent order to it
More replies begin arriving, but only appear to be garbled jibberish.
Putting over general listening frequency, Captain
It sounds like random words
Captain Charisma decides to send a shorter signal with hopes that it will be easier to reply to.
Where do you live?
Apartment if now money but parents . . .
By Wayne Wilson and Neil Garskadden
CREATED BY LARRY RODNEY

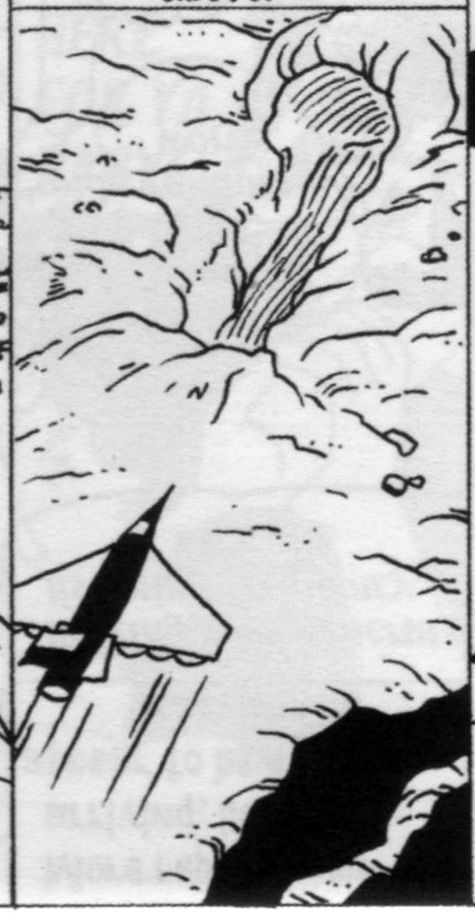
The heavily burdened plane flies low over dense city buildings while Major Charisma strains to hold it aloft.

He worries that he will have to jettison his load before reaching base. Already the warning lights are flashing.

Suddenly in the distance, he spots an unloading area and veers toward it.



Unfortunately, it's not the type where he can set the plane down but instead, a deep hole he will attempt to hover above.



Although a tricky maneuver, Major Charisma manages to complete the drop-- and palpably relieved, continues the journey home.

BY WAYNE WILSON & NEIL GARSKADDEN

Created by Larry Rodney

Charisma Man returns home for the holidays and is picked up at the airport by Dad

His family is impressed with his knowledge of Japan and asks him endless questions

Do you know Ichiro?

Can you order a beer in Japanese?

Have you been to the Great Wall?

He keeps his friends spellbound with tales of all his adventures and experiences

Love Hotel

While home, he tries to stock up on things which aren't so easy to find in Japan

Do YOU really need all these?

KON-DOMES

GEEK!

Shirl

And before he knows it, he's back once again somehow, enduring all of the hardships and tribulations of life in the land of the rising sun.

Say, would you girls be interested in doing some more English practice after class?

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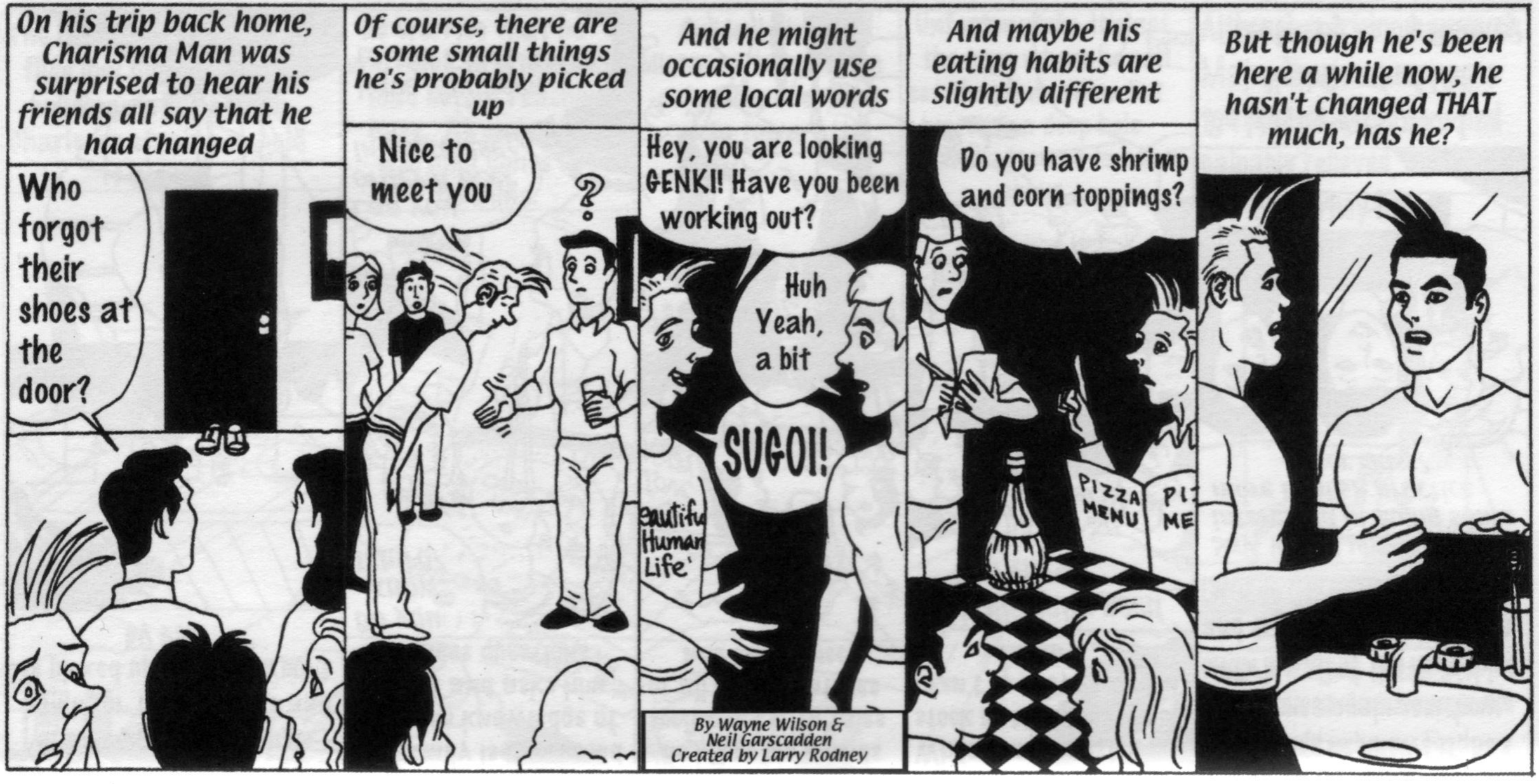
On his trip back home, Charisma Man was surprised to hear his friends all say that he had changed
Who forgot their shoes at the door?
Of course, there are some small things he's probably picked up
Nice to meet you
?
And he might occasionally use some local words
Hey, you are looking GENKI! Have you been working out?
Huh Yeah, a bit
SUGOI!
Beautiful Human Life'
By Wayne Wilson & Neil Garscadden
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And maybe his eating habits are slightly different
Do you have shrimp and corn toppings?
PIZZA MENU
But though he's been here a while now, he hasn't changed THAT much, has he?

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CHARISMA MAN QUIZ

Now that you've read through all the strips, see just how knowledgable you are about Charisma Man by trying these questions. Answers are on next page:

1) Where did Charisma Man live before he came to Japan?

2) Where did Charisma Man work before getting a job teaching English?

4) What is the name of the English school where Charisma Man gets his first teaching job?

3) What sport was Charisma Man team captain of?

5) What brand of cigarettes does Charisma man recommend?

6) What is the name of Charisma Man's host family?

7) What jobs besides English teaching has Charisma Man done in Japan?

8) What is the name of Charisma Man's modeling agency?

9) What does Charisma Man's resume claim that is not true?

10) What does only Charisma Man know how to do?

11) What textbook does Charisma Man use at school?

12) What type of vessel does Commander Charisma serve on?

13) What did Charisma Man notice about his friends back home?

14) What's the name of Charisma Man's old roommate?

15) What present did Charisma Man receive at a school X-mas party?

16) Who is the private student Charisma Man teaches on Fridays?

17) What's the name of the friend who visits Charisma Man?

18) How tall is Charisma Man?

19) Does Charisma Man's apato have wood-flooring or tatami?

20) Does Charisma Man have any siblings?

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1) Canada - Feb 1998; **2)** Boo-Boo Burger - April 1998; **3)** Peachdreamy Eikaiwa - April 1998; **4)** Hockey - Aug 1998; **5)** 'Deathly' - Oct 1998; **6)** The Suzuki's - April 1999; **7)** Entertainer, Radio Announcer, Professor, Actor, Model, Wedding Minister - Dec 1998, Nov 1999, Aug 2000; **8)** Creamy Boys Agency - Nov 1999; **9)** That he was an alternate for the Olympic Ski Team - Feb 2000; **10)** How to turn on his apato's hot water - Mar 2000; **11)** 'English for Zillions' - May 2000; **12)** A submarine - Sept 2000; **13)** They have all became adults - Feb 2001; **14)** Mort - Oct 2001; **15)** A Hello Kitty Cushion - Feb 2002; **16)** Mrs. Watanabe - Mar 2002; **17)** Larry - May 2002; **18)** 179cm - June 2002 **19)** Tatami - Jan 2002 **20)** A sister - Dec 2002

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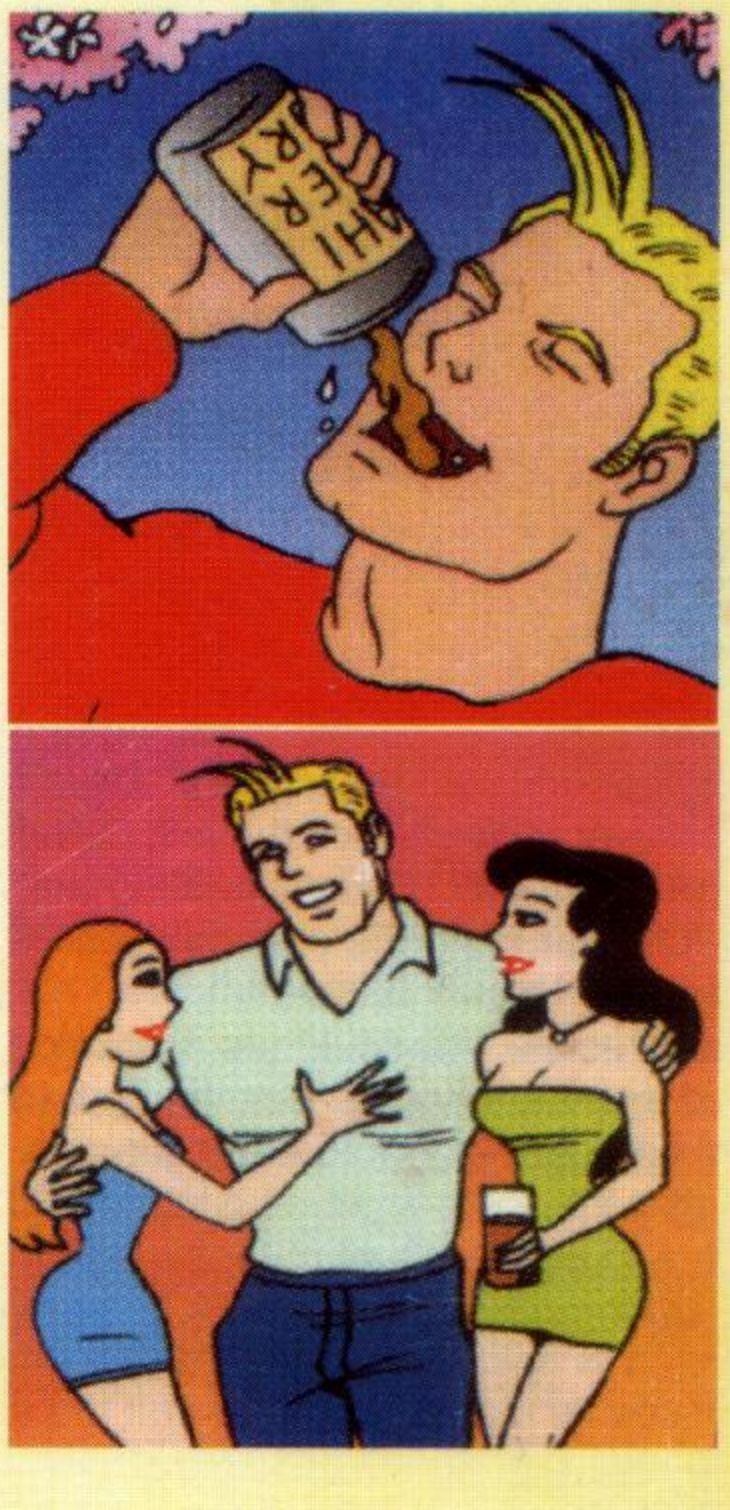

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